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# ILLEGAL TYRES ALERT AFTER SHOCK STUDY

Report by Simon Stone

**VIRTUALLY half of the part-worn tyres bought in Sandwell by trading standards officers in a random check were found to be illegal and potentially dangerous, a shock survey revealed.**

It has now led to drivers being warned to be extra careful when buying part-worn tyres, with the advice that people should always check that the tyres they are buying are properly marked.

A survey of 15 tyres bought at random from suppliers in the borough revealed seven were considered dangerous by an independent expert.

The check was to make sure dealers were complying with the law. Regulations state that part-worn tyres need to be clearly marked as being 'part-worn', bear certain other markings, be free of major defects and still have at least 2mm of tread depth remaining.

Cabinet member for trading standards Councillor Paul Moore said: "We ran this project to establish whether our local part-worn tyre suppliers were aware of their obligations and were only supplying products that comply with safety legislation."

Tyres from 15 different traders were inspected as part of the project and of those seven were deemed dangerous by an experienced tyre expert. None of the tyres tested complied with legislation requiring them to be clearly marked as 'part-worn'.

### Prosecution

Councillor Moore added: "Consumers need to be confident that the tyres they are buying are suitable and safe.

"It is a criminal offence for traders to supply tyres that do not conform to the regulations and any trader found doing so in Sandwell will face the appropriate action which may include prosecution.

"In the current uncertain economic climate, consumers may be looking to buy part worn tyres as a way of cutting costs.

"But dangerous tyres are potentially putting drivers, passengers and other road users at serious risk of harm."

A decision has still to be reached over whether to prosecute any of the traders in the test survey. The maximum penalty for selling dangerous tyres is a £5,000 fine, and/or six months imprisonment. In addition, the illegal tyres could be seized and destroyed. Customers wishing to report a concern, or any trader looking for advice can call 0845 404 0506.

## Shake-up may see free meals for pensioners

A DECISION on whether free meals on wheels will be delivered to Sandwell pensioners will be made in the new year. Council chiefs are drawing up plans to benefit around 100 elderly people as part of the shake-up.

It is also proposed to expand the service, which would cost the council £200,000 a year, and it would allow residents the opportunity to pay for meals to be delivered to family members. Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper has said the move will help ease financial pressures on older people in the borough.

He said at present the authority is looking at whether the proposals are affordable and as the council works through its detailed budget he hopes to make a final decision on whether the service can be offered.

Councillor Cooper said: "We have looked at it, we haven't concluded that we are going to do it, it is going to cost £200,000 to do it, but that is against the backdrop of the massive cuts. I don't want to put something in place only to have to withdraw it because we cannot afford it.

"What we are looking at is the long term whether it is feasible for us to do it. We will be working towards setting the budget towards the end of January/February for the next financial year so I will be able to make an announcement on that then."

Around 100 people in the borough receive meals on wheels which are prepared in-house by the council, at a cost of around £6 per meal.

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## Goran's love match for Albion

Goran, set for The Hawthorns, seen when he watched Baggies' away match against QPR

HE MAY have notched up dozens of titles on the tennis court and won the men's singles final at Wimbledon but Goran Ivanisevic has yet to realise his true dream – until now.

For the tennis champion's long-held ambition has been to watch his beloved West Bromwich Albion play at home.

And now he will finally get his wish after organisers of his next tournament changed the schedule so he can dash to The Hawthorns. Croatian Ivanisevic will drive to the West Midlands from London for the December 4 clash with Manchester City after schedulers ensured his seniors match at The Royal Albert Hall was the first of the day.

Ivanisevic, who has only previously watched Albion play away at Loftus Road, aganst QPR, said "At last, I am coming to The Hawthorns to see my team. I have been waiting for this moment for eight years, ever since we stayed up on the last day of the season in 2005 – the Great Escape.

"I was so happy. But I have always wanted to be there at a home match at The Hawthorns, to see our stadium for the first time, and to 'boing' with the guys."

## Boothroyd in call for Syrians to be helped

FORMER Commons speaker Baroness Boothroyd has called for the creation of a humanitarian aid corridor in Syria to get help to the needy.

At question time in the Lords, Lady Boothroyd, a former West Bromwich MP, said such a corridor would ensure the delivery of 'life-saving medical aid' and help bring the severely wounded to safety.

She said 'safe passages' had been created in other conflict zones, adding: "If chemical weapons inspectors can be given protection, surely protection is possible for humanitarian aid."

Lady Boothroyd, an independent crossbench peer, urged ministers to work with the international community to create a humanitarian aid corridor.

But Baroness Northover, spokeswoman for the Department for International Development, said no request for a temporarily demilitarised zone had been received from humanitarian aid agencies.

"I have a great deal of sympathy for what you've said," she told Lady Boothroyd. "It's obviously extremely appealing. The problem is that the situation in Syria is immensely complex. In order for humanitarian corridors to be created, all groups in the relevant area need to buy in."

## Tickets due for concert

TICKETS are on sale for Sandwell's annual Civic Carol Concert which will be hosted by the borough's Mayor Councillor Linda Horton and her husband Councillor Roger Horton.

It takes place at West Bromwich Town Hall on December 7. The programme will feature performances by Langley Brass Band and Britain's Got Talent organist Jean Martyn.

Tickets cost £5 each and can be obtained by phoning Lorna Johnson on 0121 569 8276 or via email lorna_johnson@sandwell.gov.uk

## Thousands say a fond farewell to The Public

THOUSANDS of visitors poured through the doors of The Public as it shut down for good as an arts centre.

Tears, laughter and 'good memories' brought the curtain down on the landmark building in West Bromwich on Saturday.

Hundreds more people packed out a concert by covers band the Busby Babes to give the centre the best, and loudest, farewell possible before the doors closed for the final time around 11pm.

Many who came along for the final day, which featured performances by the Sylvia Brennan School of Dance among others, said they were frustrated the plug had been pulled on the venue. A scrapbook was created on one wall celebrating the many acts and exhibitions which had been held at the venue.

Screens at the venue had Thanks for the Memories written in white against a vivid pink background.

Margaret Donnelly, a 46-year-old nurse from Smethwick, brought along her son Seamus, five, and niece and nephew Kian and Sinead Wells to look around the site for the final time.

"It is absolutely devastating. In my view The Public is one of the best things to have happened to West Bromwich," she said."

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## Pool ghouls are sought

A GHOST hunt led by paranormal investigators will wind its way through an allegedly 'haunted' subway system below the pool of a leisure centre this weekend.

Smethwick Swimming Centre, Thimblemill Road, will be hosting the event on Saturday to raise money for Children in Need.

The evening will run from 9pm to 2am and is open to anyone aged 18 or above. Tickets cost £10 per person and can be bought from Smethwick Swimming Centre. For details call 0300 012 0121.

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# Growing concern for missing woman

Joan Hamilton

CONCERN is growing for the welfare of a Smethwick pensioner who went missing from her care home without her medication four days ago.

Joan Hamilton, aged 69, was last seen by care workers at Pennmakers Court, Millpool Way, last Saturday.

She is black, around five foot three inches tall, with short wavy black hair and was last seen wearing a pink jumper, black trousers, green coat, white shoes, and a white pearl necklace. Police said she was still missing and urged anyone with information or who may have seen her to come forward.

Officers confirmed the pensioner was living at the care home. Inspector Ian Massey, from Sandwell Police, said they wanted to trace Joan as quickly as possible. "We are very concerned about Joan as she has now been missing for several days and is without her medication.

"She has an underlying medical condition and those who care for her are worried about her well-being."

Anyone who knows of Joan's whereabouts or who may have remembered seeing her recently is urged to call Smethwick police station on 101.

Both police and residents have posted messages on social networking sites, including Twitter, urging people to be on the lookout for the pensioner.

Care home manager Simon Green said they had given all the information they had to police following the pensioner's disappearance.

# Pensioners' free trains and trams facing the axe

**FREE train and tram travel for Sandwell pensioners is facing the axe while children's bus fares could soar, under the latest transport spending cut proposals.**

West Midlands transport authority Centro said it must slash £14 million from its £146m annual budget.

The move follows cash-strapped councils who fund being forced to make cuts of their own.

Centro is now launching a consultation on the proposals, which also include cutting the budget of the door-to-door Ring and Ride service used by pensioners and disabled people.

Options being looked at to save money include – children paying two thirds of the adult fare on buses instead of half; removing free local rail and tram travel for eligible people or introducing an annual charge of around £30; reducing the grant to Ring and Ride; reducing the number of taxpayer funded bus services.

The move would not affect free bus travel for pensioners and the disabled between 9.30am and 11pm, which Centro is obliged by the Government to fund.

However it has previously found the funding to extend this service in the West Midlands to trains and the Midland Metro trams.

The leaders of the seven West Midlands district councils that fund Centro, including Sandwell, have asked Centro to consult on ways to cut 10 per cent from its budget. It must find £14 million of savings over the next two years.

Councillors will meet next Monday to consider the options and vote on launching a consultation.

Centro chairman Councillor John McNicholas said: "These are difficult options. That's why it's so important for people to tell us through the forthcoming consultation where they think we should make the savings."

## Dog death pair given pets ban

UNDERFED French mastiff dog Zena had to be taken away by RSPCA inspectors who desperately tried to save her life.

But despite their best efforts and regular meals that saw her gain 8lbs in less than a week, she died from a heart condition. Now, the couple who should have been looking after her have been banned from keeping pets for the next five years.

David and Diane Jones were visited by an RSPCA inspector on February 22 at his home in Penncricket Lane, Oldbury, about the condition of his tan 10-year-old dog, Sandwell Magistrates Court heard.

Mr Jones pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal, and other charges to do with its welfare. Mrs Jones pleaded guilty to one charge of causing unnecessary suffering to an animal.

He handed Mr Jones a three-month suspended sentence, 150 hours' unpaid work and ordered he pay costs of £1,025 to the RSPCA as well as an £80 victim surcharge. Mrs Jones was given a four-month suspended sentence, 150 hours' unpaid work and also ordered to pay her half of the RSPCA costs as well as an £80 victim surcharge.

## Phoenix ready for charity cut

Phoenix Mathieson, who is having her hair cut off for charity, with her mother Rebecca

SHE may be little but young Phoenix Mathieson has proved she has got a huge heart as she prepares to have her head shaved in memory of her older sister.

The seven-year-old lost her sister Faith before she was born, following complications associated with cerebral palsy.

And now the big-hearted youngster is preparing to have her waist-length hair cut off and made into a wig for children with cancer and is hoping to raise hundreds of pounds for charity. Mother Rebecca Mathieson was seven months pregnant with George Betts Primary School pupil Phoenix when Faith passed away, aged two.

Rebecca of Oldbury Road, Smethwick, who is also mother to Robert, five and Lincoln, five months and lives with partner Damian Somerfield, said the head shave is the brainchild of Matt Denning, whose charity Matt's Mission raises funds for terminally ill children. Make a donation at **www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/kids-helping-kids-phoenix-hairdonation**

## Pub-goer in punch locked up

A MAN who punched a fellow pub-goer in an unprovoked attack and then stole the contents of his wallet has been jailed for 32 months.

Ian Stirling punched the victim in the Turks Head pub in Lower High Street, Wednesbury. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that 33-year-old Stirling was recognised for the May 2 attack after police officers viewed CCTV.

Judge Mark Eades described the punch to the claimant's face as 'vicious'. Mr Benjamin Nicholls, defending Stirling, claimed the victim must have said something to the attacker for him to lose his temper. The court heard that Stirling had 16 previous offences on his criminal record.

Mr Richard Davenport, prosecuting, read out a victim statement where the victim said he was now nervous about venturing out. Stirling, of Anson Road, Hill Top, West Bromwich, admitted robbery and also possession of two wraps of cannabis.

## History club name move

ONE late local historian's lifelong love of the region has been re-ignited with the launch of a new children's club created under his name.

Allan James, who passed away aged 66 following a battle with bowel cancer, was an expert on Tipton and the new children's history club, called the James Gang, will now run at the town's library.

Mr James spent much of his life teaching children about the area's past while working at Tipton's Community Heritage Centre in Owen Street.

The group will be led by Bearwood-based archaeologist Helen Glenn, and meet every Monday from 4pm at the library in Union Walk. For more information call 0121 557 1796.

## Blockbusters will be closed

THE axe will fall on the West Bromwich branch of Blockbuster, administrators for the collapsed DVD and games rental chain have revealed.

The move will see 11 people made redundant at the Dudley Street store, among 452 employees nationwide as 72 stores are closed over the coming weeks.


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# Jail term on hold for drugs

A MAN who started cannabis dealing after developing a 'heavy' habit for the controlled drug was spared an immediate jail term.

Ryan Botfield, aged 23, of Beverley Road, Stone Cross, West Bromwich, lost his job and struggled to pay for the drug, and that is when he started dealing, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mr Benjamin Nicholls, defending, told the court he approached his own dealer who told him he would continue providing cannabis on condition he sold drugs. He stressed that Botfield had only been dealing for about three months.

Botfield admitted possessing cannabis and possessing the drug with intent to supply. Mr Mark Phillips prosecuting said police raided Botfield's home finding £830 worth of cannabis.

Botfield was given a 12-month jail term suspended for 18 months and placed on supervision for a year.

# Sikhs hope for awards

A NUMBER of influential members of the Sikh society in the West Midlands have been nominated for a national award recognising their important contributions to their community. The Sikh Awards recognise pivotal contributions made by the Sikh community.

Among the local nominees at this year's awards are Toney Deep Wouhra, Founder of East End Foods in West Bromwich who has been nominated as Sikh Businessmen of the Year and Dr Moninder Singh Bhabra, Consultant at the newly built Heart & Lung Centre in Wolverhampton.

# Heart attack led to death

A MAN died after suffering a heart attack at his home, an inquest heard.

Christopher Edward Handley, aged 74, was rushed to New Cross Hospital after collapsing at his house in Willenhall on May 31. An inquest at Smethwick Council House heard doctors were unable to determine the cause of death.

A post mortem examination revealed Mr Handley had an enlarged heart and that the likely cause of death was congestive cardiac arrest. Black Country Senior Coroner Robin Balmain concluded Mr Handley died of natural causes.

## At a cost of millions chief blames 'too many cooks' for delays

Vast space – The Public during the construction work

Crowds did flock to its opening in June 2008

Lights are on but after closing the only person there was a cleaner

# The Public record of highs and lows in turbulent years

**IT STARTED as a twinkle in the eye of a community arts leader, with its creators hailing it as a 'dynamic new cultural centre' for the Black Country.**

But, 19 years after the idea was first born, The Public has come to a controversial end befitting its turbulent history.

The stand-out pink and black building has stood as one of the region's oddest landmarks since it opened in 2008. But as workers, community groups, artists and musicians marked its final hours on Saturday, there is anger at its demise from those who were involved from the beginning.

The ill-fated attraction was the brainchild of Sylvia King, who told how she had been made a 'scapegoat' over its demise.

Mrs King, who led the project until she was sacked as chief executive in 2006 after it went into administration, said she was 'watching the jewel in the crown of West Bromwich being destroyed in absolute ignorance and without any proper debate'.

### Spiralled

And architect Will Alsop, who once described The Public as a 'box of delights', said the closure 'makes no sense' and accused council chiefs of being 'vindictive'.

The saga began in 1994 when Mrs King arranged for the first feasibility study into a digital arts centre to be carried out. It was initially to be called c/PLEX, cost £38.8 million and transform arts provision in the West Midlands. But it hit a catalogue of setbacks, first hitting problems when the company charged with delivering award-winning architect Mr Alsop's plans went into receivership. The Public then went into administration in 2006, having gone millions of pounds over budget.

By the time it opened in June 2008 at a cost of £72 million, the building had gone through major design changes, costs had spiralled out of control and the centre was being panned by critics as a colossal waste of money.

Mrs King, who lives in Wednesbury, said what is happening 'is not democratic'.

"There has been no options appraisal about this, no risk assessment, no costs to benefits analysis. I was in there the other day and there were Japanese tourists in the building – in West Bromwich – you won't get that from having a college there."

Tom Watson MP and MEP Michael Cashman in 2004, during construction

Mrs King conceded: "There were too many cooks – agencies vied against one another and it caused delays."

It was back in 2001 that funding of £38.3m for the project was committed by the Government Office for the West Midlands, the European Regional Development Fund, Sandwell Council, Arts Council England through the National Lottery, the New Deal for Communities Fund and Advantage West Midlands (AWM).

Construction work then began. Architect Will Alsop designed the controversial black and pink four storey building.

But disaster first struck when architects Alsops Ltd went into administrative receivership in 2004. By November 2004 costs had increased and a new architect, Flannery & de la Pole, had been employed to complete Alsop's design. In July 2005 the funders conditionally committed the cash to complete the building.

Between October and December 2005 The Public breached its grant conditions and it was revealed costs quoted in reports had been understated by at least £1m. In

Chief Linda Saunders comforts Siobhan Gorman during the weekend event

January 2006 Sandwell Council invited The Public to present 'Invest to Save' options for borrowing but received no response.

The Public then had to ask funders for an extra £2m. At this point the funding bodies were told by The Public Board that The Public Ltd and The Public Building Ltd – charged with delivering the development – they did not consider they were capable of delivering the project within the cost.

In March 2006 the Public Board acted on legal advice and registered for insolvency for both The Public and The Public Building Ltd. PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) were appointed as administrators. In December the same year a new company, The Public Gallery Ltd, was established to deliver the 'artistic and cultural elements' of the centre. But by June 2007 the cost plan had to be updated again and additional funding was agreed of £2.8m.

In June 2008 the gallery opened for the weekend only. The following month Sandwell Council backed plans to give another £3m to fund completion costs of building work, taking the total to £57m.

Logan Wilson, four, and gran Christine Moore, leave The Public for the last time

By September 2008 the cost of the building had risen to £61.7m. A further £1.5m was given to the project by the council just before Christmas, taking the bill to £63.2m. The art gallery was still struggling to get the interactive hi-tech exhibits working.

In February 2009, it appeared problems had reached a head when it was announced The Public Gallery Limited would be liquidated. Sandwell Council was then forced to take on the whole project.

The Arts Council, the project's biggest funder, washed its hands of The Public at the same time, offering a payment of £3 million if the council could submit a suitable business plan.

This was accepted in July 2009 when the newly-created Sandwell Arts Trust took over. Then the gallery finally opened its doors, free of charge, on August bank holiday weekend 2009. Auditors reports said the cost of creation ran up to £72m. Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper has underlined that the deal with Sandwell College would save taxpayers £37m over the course of the proposed 25-year lease.

# NEWS in brief

### Kicking off with soccer sessions

A NEW soccer session for boys and girls has been launched.

The coaching, for five to 16-year-olds, will take place at Portway Lifestyle Centre, Newbury Lane, Oldbury.

Sessions on the third generation pitch will involve small sided games and drills to improve skill, technique and stamina.

They take place on Sundays from 10am to 11am.

Each session costs £3 per child and discounts are available for leisure pass holders.

### Shoplifters are targets of police

POLICE patrols will be increased in the run-up to Christmas in a town centre to deter would-be shoplifters.

Officers will be increasing their efforts around Oldbury town centre to help business and market traders.

Sergeant Darren Jones, who is responsible for the neighbourhood, said: "We will maintain high visibility patrols in the locality to offer reassurance to the public and local traders. We will deal with offenders robustly."

### Road to shut for sewer work start

A ROAD is being closed to allow sewer work to take place. Johns Lane in Tipton will be closed between November 25 and December 6, for the sewer connection to take place.

Johns Lane will be closed between Bevan Road and Morrison Road. Traffic will be diverted via Bevan Road, Brock Road, Morrison Road and vice versa.

### Substation homes scheme withdrawn

PLANS to turn the site of a redundant electricity substation into apartments have been withdrawn.

The scheme was originally submitted for land at the junction of Vicarage Road and Crosswells Road in Langley, where the disused electricity substation is based.

### Theatre at library

A LIBRARY is throwing open its doors to host a live theatre show for the very first time. Radio Scoop will be showing at Thimblemill Library in Thimblemill Road, Smethwick, on December 5. The comedy show starts at 7pm.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

**I WROTE recently about Arthur Wynne who invented the crossword puzzle 100 years ago. My thanks to all of you who have written to let me know his plot in the cemetery is 4 across and 6 down.**

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IF A Conservative MP had dared utter the remarks made by David Blunkett about Roma gipsies, he would have vanished under howls of disapproval and dark mutterings about Enoch Powell and "Rivers of Blood." But Blunkett is, as they say, sound. Blind from birth, he's an Old Labour son of toil, popular on both sides of the House. Blunkett warns that cultural tensions between Roma and local people could "implode" into a re-run of the 2001 race riots in northern towns. The former home secretary may be right. Britain has a brilliant record of assimilating different cultures but it's a process that works best when people arrive gradually. In 2011 the Government announced there were "relatively few" Roma citizens in the UK. Two weeks ago it was revealed that 200,000 have settled. How the hell did that happen?

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**NEITHER the Royal Commission nor the Press's own regulator will do anything about one of the most offensive forms of journalism. You know the sort of thing. The Duchess of Cambridge appears in public with a hair or two out of place. The poison-penned bitches of Fleet Street pile in like vultures on a cadaver, sneering at "frayed at the edges" Kate. The great unfairness is that Kate, and celebrities like her, are snapped a thousand times a day and are expected to look perfect in every shot. Female columnists, on the other hand, hide behind a single byline photograph, usually taken with a soft-focus lens some years ago under studio conditions after a full facial and hairdo. I recall meeting one of Fleet Street's sharper-penned ladies, face to face. I have seen better-preserved objects dragged out of pyramids. Don't let them get you down, Kate.**

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MY PERFECT Christmas? Ant and Dec bite the head and limbs off that irritating Morrisons tap-dancing gingerbread man. The John Lewis bear runs out of toilet paper and uses the lovable hare instead. The warm-hearted Boots hoodie-kid is banged up until February for shoplifting. A month to go and I'm already all humbugged out.

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**THANKS to I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (Radio 4) for this medical definition. Colonnade: a fizzy enema.**

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WHILE all attention is focused on gas and electricity bills, the charity Money Advice Trust reports a shocking rise in the number of families with serious mobile-phone debts, caused largely by expensive contracts for smartphones. It reports that an average family of four can easily face bills of £140 a month – more than their total energy bills. That's what happens when a novelty comes to be regarded as an essential.

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**WHILE the HS2 saga rumbles noisily on it is reported that, thanks to new materials and technology, Henry Ford's elusive dream of a flying car could become reality in the next decade. This week comes news that driverless cars are to be used to ferry people around Milton Keynes on designated pathways. In California, plans have been unveiled for a 'Hyperloop' transportation system capable of carrying passenger pods through pressurised tubes at 800mph. Look forward 15 years to 2028 and we could see safe, high-speed convoys of driverless lorries and cars on our motorways, 1,000mph tube trains in the States, and executives whizzing into city centres in their airborne limousines. That is about the time that HS2, the clanking, howling, horrendously expensive Victorian solution to England's transport problems, is supposed to start running. HS2 is unwanted now. It will be obsolete then.**

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# Group backs move to revamp listed pub

PROPOSALS to start the refurbishment of a landmark Sandwell pub have been welcomed by the Victorian Society – which had named it among the top 10 most endangered buildings in England and Wales.

Developers want to bring the Grade II-listed Waterloo Hotel in Smethwick back to its former glory.

A first planning planning application has been submitted to Sandwell Council to partly change the use of the existing Waterloo Hotel into six self-contained apartments at the first and second floors with the addition of a porch.

There will be a second phase of restoration in the future, planning documents add.

Tim Bridges, from The Victorian Society, said he hoped that the scheme would soon be coupled by reopening the 'spectacular tiled basement' of the old steak restaurant. He said: "The Grade II-listed Waterloo Hotel is one of the most important buildings in the West Midlands.

"The Victorian Society has been extremely concerned about its future and last year it featured on the society's top 10 threatened buildings in the country.

"We hope that it will also soon be possible to conserve and reopen the ground floor rooms and basement with their spectacular tiled decoration."

The Edwardian pub, based on Shireland Road, Cape Hill, went under the hammer at CPBigwood's auction at Villa Park in November last year and sold for £150,000 – three times what it was expected to fetch.

The sale came weeks after English Heritage named the landmark pub as one of the most endangered buildings in the country.

# Tower block residents in fire safety campaign

**RESIDENTS in tower blocks are being given fire safety awareness training under a new campaign following a blaze which led to four people being taken to hospital and a fifth person being treated at the scene.**

Sandwell Council is joining forces with West Midlands Fire Service and Riverside Housing to raise fire safety awareness during the campaign, among tenants and leaseholders who live in the borough's 55 high-rise blocks.

The scheme has been running all this week. It comes after firefighters were called to the fourth floor of the Camberley flats in Beacon View Road, West Bromwich, at 8.35pm on Thursday, November 8, prompting the evacuation of the floor. Police said it was being investigated as an arson attack.

Around 3,000 residents – including those who live in high-rise properties managed by Riverside Housing under a Private Finance Initiative – will receive a copy of the leaflet Fire Safety For Your High-rise Flat, packed full of advice.

### Measures

The booklet produced in conjunction with West Midlands Fire Service has three key themes: prevent, prepare and respond.

Firefighters have listed preventative measures including: taking care when cooking, switching off electrical appliances where possible, not keeping flammables in homes, keeping doors closed to prevent the spread of fire and smoke, keeping hallways clear of rubbish and extinguishing candles and cigarettes properly.

Other potentially life-saving advice urges them to test their smoke alarms on a weekly basis and report fire hazards to the council immediately so that they can be addressed.

Residents are also urged to prepare themselves in case there is a fire in their block and to know where their window and door keys are.

They are also encouraged to learn the escape route they would follow in the case of an emergency.

Councillor Ian Jones, the borough's jobs and economy chief, said: "As the borough's largest landlord, we want to ensure that all our tenants and leaseholders who live in high-rise blocks are as safe as they possibly can be from the dangers of smoke and fire. It's extremely important that you know what to do if there is a fire in your block and how you can keep yourself, your family and neighbours safe."

The council has already trained 130 housing officers, who have so far carried out more than 700 home fire safety checks.

## Marjorie's milestone is marked

Marjorie Stove, right, celebrates her 100th with relatives, from left, Christine Stevenson, James French, Joan French and Claire Stevenson, and back left, John French, Pauline Stoves and Heather James

A FORMER postwoman who helped keep people in touch with each other during the Second World War has reached her 100th birthday.

Marjorie Stove celebrated the milestone with friends and family from as far afield as County Durham at her care home in the Black Country.

She was born in Milcote Road, Bearwood, on November 12, 1913 to Arthur and Ada Hunt and was the second of three sisters. She attended Bearwood School in Bearwood Road and went on to work at Worlds End dress makers in Beeches Road until the start of the Second World War.

During this time she met her first love, sailor Jack Osborne-Bray. But he died in 1940 on an aircraft carrier that was bombed on the way to Malta. Her younger sister Joan French, aged 89, said: "She was very upset at the time and she still has a photo of him." During the war she went to work at the post office in Birmingham and while there met her husband George who had come to work at a factory in the city after moving from County Durham. The two quickly fell in love and they were married on November 17, 1948.

Soon after she went to live with George in County Durham to look after his family and ended up spending 17 years living there.

However the couple eventually moved back to Bearwood, where they lived until George's death in 1982. Mrs Stove then moved to several different flats in Bearwood before eventually moving to Beechcroft Care Home in Salop Road, where she still enjoys reading and socialising with friends.

Mrs French added: "She is a very loving person and loves the family. She is still very fit and well."

# Officers to target transport criminals

EXTRA uniformed police officers will be drafted in to help tackle crime on the region's buses, trains and trams.

The Safer Travel Partnership – a taskforce dedicated to beating crime on the transport network – has put anti-social behaviour as its key priority.

A special team to track down graffiti artists will also form part of a new three-year transport policing plan.

The plan sees West Midlands Police, British Transport Police and Centro come together to formally outline their proposals for the future on how it will tackle crime.

The project will also include extending the use of CCTV on the public transport network on all buses and trains, extending anti social behaviour order powers to include those organisations responsible for public transport and educating young people about appropriate behaviour on public transport.

## Festive fair to raise cash

A CHARITY raising money for people with cerebral palsy will hold a fundraising Christmas fair next month.

Cerebral Palsy Midlands, based in Harborne, is holding the event on Friday December 6 and Saturday December 7, from 10am until 3.30pm on both days.

Donations of good quality items are still needed for stalls at the charity's base in Victoria Road. Organisations, businesses and individuals who would like a stall should ring development officer Adam Siviter on 0121 427 3182, or email info@cpmids.freeonline.co.uk

## Polling station review concern

A REVIEW of polling districts, places and polling stations could impact people living in the Abbey ward of Sandwell, according to a councillor.

Bob Piper, said one proposal was to reduce the number of polling stations in his ward from seven to six. He said: "Given the mad rush which led to people being locked out of polling stations in 2010, it must be a bit of a worry that something similar could happen here."

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# Have your say with bus plans

PEOPLE are being encouraged to have their say on new plans aimed at reducing traffic jams and improving the reliability of buses in Blackheath town centre.

Sandwell Council and Centro are working together on the plan to make the town a more attractive place to visit and shop.

They have drafted proposals that would help them bid for Government money to make the scheme happen.

Under the proposals, road layouts and bus stop locations would be changed to improve bus services.

A series of exhibitions are due to be held over the coming weeks, at Blackheath town centre at the Christmas lights switch-on event on November 23 from 3pm to 7pm, Blackheath Market in Long Lane on November 29 from 9am to 4pm, and at Sainsbury's, in Halesowen Street, Blackheath on November 30 from 10am to 2pm.

To view the plans log on at **www.networkwestmidlands.com/Blackheath**

# Motorcyclist in accident

A MOTORCYCLIST was taken to hospital after being knocked off his bike during rush hour.

Emergency services were called to the junction of Titford Lane and Wolverhampton Road in Oldbury at around 7.35am on Monday after reports that a man on a motorcycle had been hit by a car.

John Hawker spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance Service said: "A man in his 30s was initially treated at the scene by an off-duty paramedic. An ambulance crew arrived and continued to treat his injuries before transferring him to Sandwell Hospital."

# Black Country Run date is set

ORGANISERS have set a date for another Midlands fun run following the success of this year's event.

More than 600 people took part in the Great Black Country Run in September.

Organisers, the Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club, have announced next year's race will be held on September 21.

People can start entering next year's race from January 1. Visit **www.greatblackcountryrun.com** for details.

# Membrane work nears end to boost wildlife

The Rattlechain Lagoon site in Tividale

WORK is drawing to a close on a major operation to install a special membrane at a contaminated Black Country pool blamed for the deaths of dozens of birds.

The geotextile sheet is being laid on the bottom of Rattlechain Lagoon, in Tividale, to protect the lake from white phosphorus, which the birds are believed to be ingesting. More than 80 birds have died at the site.

Chemical company Rhodia UK Ltd, which owns the site, has carried out a programme of environmental improvements and work is due to be complete by the end of the month.

The lagoon, in John's Lane, has been a waste disposal site for more than 60 years, but has not been actively used since 2006 and will not accept any further waste.

Rhodia, which took ownership of it in 2000, has been working on a solution to cover the waste contained in the sediments at the bottom of the lagoon to help prevent birds ingesting them as they feed.

The geotextile sheet is covered with a layer of sand to further isolate the waste contained in the sediments at the bottom of the lagoon and help protect visiting wildlife. The major part of the work is now complete, with bushes and shrubs now being planted.

The lagoon will now be surveyed to check that the sheet remains in place – first in six months and then annually for the next five years. Bosses of the site now hope that it will not be long before the lagoon attracts birds and other wildlife. John Moorhouse, site redevelopment manager at Rhodia, said: "This has been a significant project and we would like to express our gratitude to our neighbours who have seen a lot more activity on site than they have become used to in previous years.

"We'd also like to thank the RSPCA, Natural England, the Canal and River Trust and the Environment Agency, from whom we have sought support and guidance during the project."

# Dishonest benefits claim by woman neared £12,000

**A WOMAN dishonestly claimed more than £11,800 after failing to declare a pension she was already earning.**

On two occasions in 2007 Elsie Sheehy, from Broad Street in Langley, Oldbury, filled out an application form for pension credit.

However, on both occasions she failed to declare more than £200 per month she was getting from her ex-husband's occupational pension.

During her trial at Sandwell Magistrates Court it emerged that over the duration of the period she received her pension credit, the total overpayment reached £11,856.92.

Sheehy, aged 66, claimed she had 'misunderstood' the claim forms, even though she had been given assistance on at least one of the two occasions. She denied the charges.

## Questions

Prosecuting solicitor Mrs Dawn Cartwright said: "The forms ask specific questions about income.

"Mrs Sheehy is a lady who is familiar with the benefit system, she's claimed benefit for a number of years, she knows it is means tested and knows about the forms involved.

Asked by her defence solicitor Mr Devon Small she said on the form there was no other pension or income. "The only thing I can think is that I made a mistake, " she said.

"I hadn't earned anything since 1968, since I got married, so that was the only reason why I put 'no'."

But magistrates found her guilty of two charges of dishonestly making a false statement to obtain a benefit and she faces sentence at Wolverhampton Crown Court on December 11.

# Slang ban for pupils is backed by Austin

A SCHOOL'S controversial new policy on banning Black Country slang words from the classroom has been backed by an MP.

Colley Lane Primary School in Halesowen has sparked debate because of the ban, which has been introduced in a bid to raise standards of English for pupils.

Headteacher John White said he hoped the move would help children in their studies and future careers. Pupils are now banned from using phrases such as 'gonna', 'woz' or 'it wor me'. The policy has been backed by Dudley North MP Ian Austin.

He said: "I am from the Black County and am very proud of the place I am from and my accent.

"But in the modern world when the job most youngsters get depends on their education, learning to present yourself properly is just as important as learning maths and English."

But he insisted that he loves the regional accent, adding: "I have never changed my accent, I went to Russells Hall Primary and then, what is now, Castle High School."

# Chips are down after gas meter stolen

Sukvinder Taggar, who owns Oh My Cod, after the meter was stolen, but the shop is now back open

**HE HAD just finished chipping seven bags of potatoes and cutting up two tons of fish ready to open the doors of his chippy.**

But then father-of-two Sukvinder Taggar realised the shop's gas meter had been stolen – and he's now counting the cost of the raid.

Thieves made off with the gas meter from outside Oh My Cod fish and chip shop in Tipton.

Mr Taggar, who owns the shop on Park Lane West and is preparing for his third child in days, had to throw all of his produce into the bin because he always cooks food from fresh. He was forced to close his store for three days last week, but thankfully is now back in business.

The 36-year-old, who lives in Wolverhampton, added: "We had to shut the store. We're hoping to get one as soon as possible. It's the last thing we need at the moment.We probably lost hundreds of pounds in that one day alone.

"It's the first time I've known anyone do anything like this to us.

"According to National Grid, gas meters are stolen to order by people who put them in place of their own meters and then when someone comes to read the meter, they just put the old one back on again and get a small bill.

"The stolen meter is probably worth thousands of pounds to the person who uses it but the person who stole it won't have sold it for much.

"I'd have happily have given the thieves whatever they were paid, just to avoid this."

West Midlands Police spokesman Brigg Ford confirmed officers believed the gas meter outside the chip shop was stolen between 9.30pm last Tuesday and some time on Wednesday morning.

He said there were no clues to the culprits as it was not known how they made off from the location and there were no witnesses or CCTV footage.

Anyone with information is urged to call 101.

# NEWS in brief

## Iommi receives honour from uni

ROCK legend Tony Iommi has received an honorary doctorate from a university.

The 65 year-old, who is the lead guitarist for Black Sabbath was honoured with a Doctorate of Arts from Coventry University, for his renowned success.

The band is considered to be a founding father of the modern heavy metal era in music, being the influences for many bands.

Mr Iommi, who is originally from Handsworth, has been battling Lymphoma, a cancer of the immune system.

But despite enduring chemotherapy and steroid injections, Ozzy Osbourne's right-hand man has powered through and performed every date in the band' gig book.

## Cricketing stars boost students

STUDENTS from a school in Sandwell have been in the nets with some of the country's star cricket players.

Talented cricketing students from Sandwell Academy in West Bromwich had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be coached by two England stars.

The team of 23 academy cricketers travelled to Edgbaston for a specially-arranged training session with former England international Alec Stewart and current international Chris Woakes.

## 400 Serco jobs are being shed

TROUBLED services giant Serco, which is being investigated over alleged fraud on electronic tagging and prison contracts, is to shed 400 jobs in the UK next year.

The group runs waste collection, recycling and street cleaning services for Sandwell Council.

As part of moves to share more services it will cut its UK workforce of 47,000, incurring exceptional costs of approximately £14 million.

## Bullring opening hours to increase

THE Bullring shopping centre will be extending its opening hours over the festive season. From December 2 it is open until 10pm during weekdays.

On Christmas Eve the centre will be open from 9am to 5pm, and on Boxing day Next will open at 6am, Debenhams at 7am and Selfridges at 8am, for their famous sales.

NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

SO, according to a new study, the best place in Britain to live is in the West Midlands.

Solihull came top in this year's Uswitch Quality of Life Survey. The energy comparison service came to the conclusion after studying 138 different areas for 24 different factors including disposable income, life expectancy, and the speed of the local broadband service.

Come again? Now, I'm probably a little biased, particularly given that I don't own a computer. But it seems very hard to believe that the broadband speed is particularly crucial to the well-being of the human condition. Still, there we have it. Solihull, the best part of the UK in which to live. Particularly if you're an online gaming fan.

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MAYBE as a pretty dyed-in-the-wool Black Country 'mon' I should be more incensed, but I really can't get too excited about the ban on local dialect in the classroom at Colley Lane Primary School in Cradley.

One incensed parent said: "Some of my friends have gone on to be doctors and lawyers and I'm an engineer – the accent doesn't affect you as a person."

And of course she's right. Despite what the metropolitan trendies will tell you, there's no such thing as a 'neutral accent'. So-called 'received pronunciation' is nothing more than an effort to enforce southern accents on rest of the country. After all, the whole world revolves around the London commuter belt, doesn't it?

But, still, there is a world of difference between speaking with a Black Country accent and using incorrect grammar and syntax. Use phrases like 'Yo ay gonna do that, am yo?' in a job interview and you might as well turn up with a pumpkin on your head.

Yes, children should be taught about their history and culture. But they should also be taught that, unless they want a career making nails in a sweatshop and being paid in beer tokens only redeemable at the gangmaster's pub, such phraseology should be viewed as a quaint antiquity.

And that there are times when yo con spake proper and, times when you can't.

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THAT said, the school shot itself in the foot with the letter it sent out to parents. Aside from the pompous tone - 'zero tolerance' and the sort of silly logo you might have expected from the old East German government - there was an apostrophe missing from 'I can't'.

It also referred to 'Formal English' with an incorrect capital 'F' (formal is an adjective, not a proper noun). And there was a needless hyphen following a full stop. If you are going to launch a campaign against poor grammar, would it not have been a good idea to have arranged for an English teacher to read the letter first?

Proud day – Dave and Carol Matthews with their daughters Alison, left, and Clare, right, when he was presented with a 50-year long service award

Dave Matthews, who was kitman at West Bromwich Albion for 51 years, with the club's then manager Roy Hodgson before he became England boss

Albion players and mascots join supporters in a minute's applause before the start of a match earlier this year to honour the memory of Dave Matthews

# Cup final date led to a perfect match

Albion kitman Dave Matthews' dream has been fulfilled, thanks to his wife and family. **STEVE MADELEY** reports

**DAVE and Carol Matthews always remembered their first date.**

But then the 1968 FA Cup Final was a difficult day to forget.

The couple were later married for almost 42 years before the much-loved West Bromwich Albion kitman's death in April left his family, friends and an entire club in shock.

And it all began with a day out at Wembley 45 years ago when the then Carol Ewen was persuaded to accompany her future husband to one of the Baggies' most famous games.

"I used to work at a chemist called Bannister and Thatcher, over the road from the old Express & Star office in West Bromwich," recalled Carol, who lastweek took delivery of Dave's autobiography, Mr Albion – completed by his family in his honour.

"The club used to use our chemist for a lot of bandages, antibiotics and other things that players might need.

### Dedicated

"That's how we met but our first date was the FA Cup Final in 1968.

"We went down on the official train and we were supposed to be staying at one of the lads' aunts, but she wanted us in by 10pm and, after just winning the Cup, we didn't want that. So after having a drink and a meal in London, we slept in St James's Park for the night and came back the next day!"

Three years later the couple were married and they stayed together until this year, when Dave's shock death at home in Halesowen left family and friends distraught and the future of his long-mooted autobiography in doubt.

The 67-year-old had committed three quarters of his life to print alongside freelance journalist and ghost writer David Instone when a rare heart condition claimed his life. It left Carol and daughters Alison and Clare to decide whether they should complete his work.

Carol Matthews with a copy of her late husband's autobiography Mr Albion

Eventually, they used diaries, tapes and family memories to fill in the blanks and finish the story of a life dedicated to the Baggies from the age of 16, when he applied for a job as a groundsman and instead wound up in the kit room.

Carol believes there was never a serious doubt that the book, which is now in shops, would be published in honour of the man dubbed 'Mr Albion' by Baggies legend Cyrille Regis. "We thought it would be a lasting tribute to him if we could finish it," she said.

"I spoke to the girls and they decided they would like to go on and finish it, and we never really said 'no, that's it' or thought we didn't want to go on. I knew it was Dave's dream to have his book published.

"There probably were stories that Dave would have known and hadn't written down that could have gone in the book, but they were lost when he died. "David came over and talked to us and we tried to fill in as best we could.

"For about 12 years the book was in Dave's mind and he used to make notes in diaries and on tapes. Dave had passed on all of the diaries and tapes to David, and a lot of people were very good.

"They went over to Ron Atkinson's house, and when Tony Mowbray was down here with Middlesbrough to play one of the local teams, they met up with him.

"It all came together in the end. The ex-players have been extremely kind and Ally Robertson did the foreword."

The loyalty that enabled the Matthews family to complete Dave's book was the same loyalty that prompted one of the greatest ever turnouts for a Hawthorns dinner when he celebrated 50 years at the club in 2011.

A who's who of Albion players and managers from five decades converged on The Hawthorns to celebrate a barely believable half-a-century of service.

Tragically, less than two years later, the cast would assemble again to pay their respects at his funeral.

### Enjoyed

Yet Carol believes the memories of his special night two years ago stuck with Dave, first through his successful fight with non-Hodgkin lymphoma and into his all-too-brief retirement.

"I think he was overwhelmed," said Carol, aged 69. "He couldn't believe that so many managers and players had given their time and made the effort to go along.

"He always got on well with people. I've never heard anybody say a bad word about him. And we saw it at his funeral as well, with all the players that turned out for him.

"It was the only job he ever had. He got a bit disillusioned with a couple of the managers and considered leaving but he always thought better of it.

"I think he would have enjoyed the finished book because there is humour in there. There is no 'kiss and tell' to it but there is a lot of gentle humour. I think he would have liked it."

● **Mr Albion (Thomas Publications) is available, priced £14.99, from Albion club shops, selected book shops and online at www.thomaspublications.co.uk**

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

A SHOPPER wandering around a market got a fright when a skydiver landed on top of him. Vin Roden was visiting the Saturday market at Halfpenny Green airfield, at Bobbington, near Stourbridge, when 18-year-old Russell Monkman was forced to deploy his emergency parachute. Mr Roden, aged 30, was taken to Corbett Hospital in Stourbridge with a minor neck injury.

HOME Secretary Leon Brittan gave the go-ahead for the biggest prison-building programme of the century. It included the construction of a second jail, at a cost of £12m at Featherstone.

DAD'S Army star John Le Mesurier died at the age of 71. The actor played the debonair Sgt Arthur Wilson in the hit comedy.

### 1993...

RED-faced police officers and firemen carried out a fire exit inspection while male strippers Rebel Red and Steve Perry strutted their stuff in front of hundreds of screaming women. More policemen, with dogs, were summoned to Samson's Place nightclub in Oldbury, as more than 1,200 hysterical women tried to get into the 500-capacity venue.

GRAHAM Taylor's tenure as England manager was hanging by a thread after the national side failed to qualify for the 1994 World Cup, despite beating San Marino 7-1. To add to the humiliation, England went behind to the minnows after just eight seconds. The former Aston Villa boss said he would continue until told otherwise.

### 2003...

THE British Red Cross sparked controversy after telling volunteers not to create Nativity scenes in its shops for fears of offending non-Christians. The charity came under fire for 'stripping the Christianity out of Christmas', and Rev Colin Gibson of St Matthew's Church in Walsall said it was very sad that the faith was being suppressed. The Red Cross said it was to preserve the organisation's impartiality.

A BUS station was to get its own police station to protect passengers from thieves and drug dealers. Supt Gareth Cann said he hoped Wolverhampton bus station would get its own police base within four weeks after it was reported that many people avoided it at night.

AROUND 1,200 pupils were evacuated as a fire ripped through Dartmouth High School in Great Barr.

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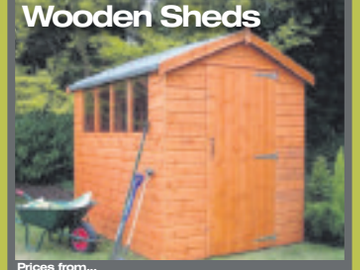

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LETTERS

# Priorities all wrong with 999 emergencies

CHANNEL 4 is currently running a series of programmes on Monday night at 9pm entitled 999: What's Your Emergency? In an episode shown recently, an ambulance was called out to a man, a company executive we were latterly informed, who had passed out because he was so drunk, he was sick and had been to the toilet in his trousers.

The ambulance crew had to lift him into the ambulance because he was incapable of helping himself. They then had to clean him up and transport him to hospital, where no doubt he then occupied a bed until he sobered up. Due to the mess he had left in the ambulance, it had to be taken out of service and thoroughly cleaned.

On Friday, November 1, there was a letter from K Gee whose father had fallen badly and was bruised and in pain. When the family called for an ambulance they were asked a series of questions, and because K Gee's father was not presenting certain symptoms, was refused an ambulance and family members had to take this man, in his 80s, to hospital.

Can someone explain how a drunk has priority for an emergency ambulance over an 80-year-old man who, it turned out, had shattered the ball of his upper arm bone, torn tendons and ligaments, and badly bruised his hip.

**J WHATMORE,**
**Belmont Close, Tipton**

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# Young carers won't get festive respite

CHRISTMAS day is traditionally a time for celebrating, resting and enjoying family time at home. But for many of the hundreds of thousands of children in England responsible for caring for their loved ones, their duties do not stop on this special day.

Getting up at 6am, making breakfast for an ill or disabled parent, looking after a poorly younger sibling, cleaning the house or preparing Christmas lunch are just some of the responsibilities young carers will be carrying out, while many other children have a restful day at home.

There are 166,000 young carers in England, but we believe this figure is just the tip of the iceberg – many more children remain hidden from view and are slipping through the net, undetected by support services. Shockingly, for young carers some of who are as young as five years old, this has increased by 80 per cent over the last decade alone. It is vital these children get the support they desperately need.

This Christmas readers can help to support them by holding a carol singing service. This can be in a local church, at work or at home with friends and family. This fun and festive activity is an easy way to raise money, and awareness, for vulnerable children and young people in our communities who need urgent help.

We have a range of free materials, available to download, that can help you to organise your carol singing event, visit **www.childrenssociety.org.uk/carols** to get involved.

**MATTHEW REED, The Children's Society**

## Call received during dialysis

MY WIFE has recently had to start dialysis due to her remaining kidney failing. While undergoing treatment she received a sales call from Virgin Media.

The salesperson wanted her to upgrade our account and my wife twice said that as she was undergoing dialysis at the time, she found it inconvenient and we did not require the upgrade in any event. However, the salesperson persisted until my wife gave in.

Can you therefore, imagine this scenario? Someone undergoing an operation with the anaesthetic being an epidural getting a similar call and something goes wrong and patient dies. Surgeon takes the mobile and says that the person you are calling has just died. This may sound a bit far fetched, but in this day and age, anything is possible. When will these intrusive calls ever end?

**L HALES, Cradley Heath**

## Jobs on the line for unemployed

I'VE found a solution to help the unemployed get a job. Answering the phone for water companies, gas and electric companies, doctors' surgeries, and the council.

I have tried to phone all these in the last few weeks. I've listened to music, voices saying 'You're in a queue', press this button, press that button or go online.

I don't possess a computer, neither do I want one, I use my head or write letters.

These companies must be in league with BT to keep you hanging on the phone hours at a time.

Or you speak to someone at a call centre who you cannot always understand.

I'm sure some youngster could sit and answer a phone.

They all seem to have mobiles to play with or computers, so there's a solution, apply to answer phones.

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## UKIP deputy has a pint to prove during visit

UKIP deputy leader Paul Nuttall with Oldbury pub manager Sunny Guraya

UKIP's deputy leader Paul Nuttall has insisted that his party is not a 'one man band' during a visit to Oldbury where he revealed his ambition for the party to contest every seat in next year's local council elections.

People will vote on May 22, on the same day as the European elections, and Mr Nuttall is convinced the party will benefit. He said: "I think it's going to massively play to us. People don't generally go into a ballot booth and vote for two parties.

"We want to get people elected onto local councils and we want to get a foothold in the West Midlands."

Mr Nuttall was at The Railway Inn pub, Bromford Lane, Oldbury for a public meeting by the party.

He said: "If we get out campaign right, there's no reason we can't get three MEPs." On leader Nigel Farage, he said: "Nigel is the best communicator in British politics. He is a massive boost to the party."

# Jobs chief airs caution over unemployment fall

**SANDWELL'S jobs boss cautiously welcomed a drop in unemployment in light of new figures which showed job queues are shrinking in the borough.**

Latest figures showed that in Sandwell, the claimant count was down by 484 to 11,445, of 5.8 per cent of the working population. National unemployment has fallen to its lowest level in two-and-a-half years.

The borough's jobs and economy boss, Councillor Ian Jones said he hoped people who had benefit sanctions – where benefits are docked for those missing job centre appointments – were not masking the true extent of unemployment.

Councillor Jones said: "The council's efforts to get people back into work are well established now and this is showing in the figures.

### Authenticity

"Unfortunately, the authenticity of the figures needs to be considered because last week a national report said over 500,000 people were sanctioned last year which means you don't count in the unemployment figures. Whilst we welcome improvement, we also need to know if this is a smoke and mirrors exercise by the Government but we know in Sandwell we are working to get people back into work through our own efforts."

Nationally unemployment was down by 48,000 between July and September to 2.47 million – the lowest since the spring of 2011.

In the West Midlands it was down 15,000 to 257,000 over the three months, according to the Office for National Statistics.

The number of people in work has reached a record high of almost 30 million.

Meanwhile the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance was cut for the 12th month in a row in October, down by 41,700 to 1.31 million, the lowest for almost five years.

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# Last dance for troupe as The Public bows out

**IT WAS an emotional goodbye as more than 200 people danced their last tango in the venue they have called home for four years.**

The fortnightly tea dance at The Public waltzed its way out of the arts centre last Thursday ahead of the building's closure on Saturday.

Dancers come from right across the Black Country and Birmingham and even as far as Solihull, many suited and booted. They turned out to take part in one of the region's most popular dance events and their own little piece of history.

In the time since the Tea Dance started at The Public in 2009, friendships have been forged, and one or two relationships have even blossomed.

And at the final event in the building's Longroom yesterday afternoon there were tears, there was laughter, and there was a lot of cake.

Organisers Penny and Brian Williamson and members of the tea dance bade a fond farewell to The Public after their four years of fun at the venue

## Attendances

It was a bittersweet day for the event's organisers Brian and Penny Williamson, who are sad to be leaving The Public, but glad of the memories they have created.

The couple, from Claverdon Drive in Great Barr, started the dance with just 12 people four years ago, and it has now grown to regular attendances of up to 180 people.

Mr Williamson, aged 71, said: "It is the people themselves that make this event what it is – I just put the music on, but the people keep coming back.

"People come from all over, Wolverhampton, Halesowen, Northfield, and we've had some from Leamington and Stratford. Some people have even paired up since they've been here.

"The Public itself has also been great, the staff have been very good and looked after us.

"When we heard what was happening we were shattered.

"When it was first mentioned we couldn't believe it because we don't think the council gave it time to get established with New Square having just opened.

"If they had given it five years it would have been in profit."

The couple are now preparing to start the event in its new venue at West Bromwich Town Hall, after Sandwell Council approached them and asked if they would like to move there. Mrs Williamson said she hopes people continue to attend, but is sad to be moving.

She said: "It can not be the same, never. It's been really special here.The floor here is incredible, it's a beautiful floor to dance on, and it's a modern space. In West Bromwich properties are older and need a little bit of TLC, but this is modern and clean, and the staff are wonderful here."

Betty Armstrong, aged 78 and from Church Lane, West Bromwich, has been going to the event since it started and has made friends who she has been on trips and holidays with.

In a farewell speech to the venue, she said: "They have taken The Public away, but they can't take away our memories."

She added: "They've taken away the happiest days of my life, it's been a pleasure coming here." The first tea dance at West Bromwich Town Hall will be on December 4.

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# £370m superhospital scheme on track, vow

**HEALTH chiefs in Sandwell say their plans for a £370 million superhospital remain on track, with construction just three years away.**

The 670-bed Midland Metropolitan Hospital scheme has been drawn up by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals trust for land in Smethwick.

But they have been hit by delays, prompting officials to apply to extend planning permission for the scheme and work is still not due to begin until 2016.

However bosses at the trust which runs Sandwell, Rowley Regis and City hospitals, remain committed to the project and say until it finally gets off the ground they will be expanding services for patients.

The development is earmarked for Grove Lane and will replace Sandwell Hospital in West Bromwich and City Hospital, in Winson Green.

## Acquisitions

All of the current properties on the site have now been bought, either through their owners deciding to sell up after hearing of the scheme, or through health chiefs' use of Compulsory Purchase Orders.

And bosses insist the scheme is moving forward.

Toby Lewis, chief executive of the trust, said: "We continue to progress discussions about the potential new hospital. If all necessary external permissions are obtained this financial year, then construction would commence in 2016. All properties on the Grove Lane site have been acquired by CPO and voluntary acquisition."

Mr Lewis said that in the period from now until work starting, extra efforts were being made to make sure existing healthcare provision could be expanded for patients.

He added: "Meanwhile, we are working with partners to expand services in general practice and in community settings. New services have moved into Rowley Regis and the Portway Lifestyle Centre in recent weeks and we are looking to move the majority of clinics for diabetes into primary care settings over this winter.

"The great benefit for local patients of the proposed Midland Metropolitan Hospital is that it concentrates acute specialist care. This means that scarce, highly skilled clinicians will be available to look after the sickest patients more quickly, seven days a week, day and night.

"That is what we believe is needed, as soon as possible, for the half a million people who need our care. This can only be achieved with one major emergency department, supported by local urgent care centres."

The hospital is due to take up 16 acres on Grove Lane but a further 31 acres of land between Grove Lane, Cranford Street, Heath Street and Dugdale Street is to be transformed and filled with other employment opportunities and housing schemes.

The current site of Sandwell Hospital in West Bromwich, to be replaced

The site of the new Midland Metropolitan Hospital

Chief, Toby Lewis


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# Volunteers dig in to help nursery

Front, from left, Alfie Macintosh and Naina Kaur Verma with Prince's Trust Team Leader Raj Johal, Pc Kes Peniket, and youngsters volunteering on the Princes Trust scheme at St Michael's Day Nursery Smethwick

STUDENTS from the Prince's Trust are mucking in to help out at a nursery which was given a poor review by Ofsted inspectors.

The team, which works from Piddock Road police station, Smethwick, has stepped in to help at St Michael's Nursery, off Crocketts Lane by lending a hand with some gardening.

In the past few days, students have been helping by painting fences and doing other odd jobs around the grounds. They also helped clear branches so tree-cutters could remove a large tree which had stopped children playing because it was so overgrown.

Pcso Raj Johal said the group was also helping to create a reading and bird seeding area.

She added: "We're trying to support and create a nice learning environment for the children.

"I hope the students' efforts help as much as possible."

Over the 12-week programme, the team, which is also being led by Pc Andrew Peters, will go on to assist at the Dorothy Parkes centre in Smethwick.

They will visit All Saints' Parish Church, All Saints Way, West Bromwich, to help the congregation to do gardening around its grounds.

Pcso Johal added: "Some of the congregation are elderly so we like to visit the church and cutback as much as the overgrowth as we can to help."

The nursery received an inadequate rating in an Ofsted report which was published in January.

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## MEMORY LANE

Mr Green seen at his home when he was 80

The young man in his Territorial Army uniform

An image of Mr Green in jungle attire

David Green with his father's medals at his home in Longlake Avenue, Wolverhampton

Mr Green, left, seen in Singapore before the Second World War

# Veteran who suffered PoW brutality made most of life

**HE WAS detained in one of the most infamous Japanese prisoner of war camps for almost five years, and subjected to brutal treatment, forced labour, food shortages and sickness.**

*By Naomi Dunning*

But despite leaving the camp close to death, war hero from West Bromwich Theodore Green went on to live a long and happy life, with a large family and long career.

Tributes have now been paid to the veteran, who has died at the age of 90.

Mr Green joined the territorial army at the age of 17, but within weeks he had signed up to the regular army after the outbreak of the Second World War.

He along with his brothers left the family home to do their duty and all caught the train to Hednesford to join up. He became a private in the 14 Section Royal Army Ordnance Corps attached to the South Staffordshire Regiment in munitions, and within months was sent to Singapore in the Far East.

### Captured

But after bing there only a matter of months the section was soon in trouble and whilst waiting for back-up from the allies, the Japanese invaded.

The help didn't reach them in time and Mr Green was captured outside the Raffle Hotel, Singapore in 1940.

Mr Green was first taken to Changi jail in the eastern part of Singapore, before being transported to the Batu Lintang camp in Kuching, Sarawak in Borneo, a 50-acre site with a maximum of 3,000 prisoners.

His son David Green, aged 66, from Compton said his father spent his 18th birthday at the camp, and only managed to get one note home.

The camp was eventually liberated on September 11 1945, but Mr Green did not leave until September 28, having to be carried out and weighing just four stone.

Mr Green didn't return home to Wolverhampton until 1946, and for years afterwards would have bad bouts of malaria.

His son said: "I am extremely proud of him.

"To think what he endured, it must have been awful. But to get well and carry on makes me proud. He protected us all from it, which I'm very grateful for."

He added: "He didn't really talk at all about his time at the camp. I'm not sure what he went through but it must have been terrible.

"Reading about the camp now is very emotional."

Mr Green married his wife Joyce in 1947 and the couple, who lived in Tettenhall Wood, Wolverhampton, had 10 children, who had 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

After the war he became a painter and decorator and long distance lorry driver. He then spent 21 years as an ambulance driver. He was also a keen artist. He spent his last year at Aldergrove Manor Care Home on Penn Road, and died on October 15 at New Cross Hospital after a long illness.

His son added: "He was a very hard worker, and always looked after his family. He was always good natured and pleasant."

NEWS

## Charity effort hots up

We did it – Nik Navewal, his wife Kram and Sue Pullan

BRAVE fundraisers put their best foot forward to complete a firewalk for a children's cancer charity.

A group of 11 daredevils crossed the coals at The Old Courthouse in Tipton five times to raise money for Little Heroes. This is the second year that the pub in Lower Church Lane has raised money for the cause which aims to raise funds to provide families who have children undergoing cancer treatments with toys, games and activities to make their time in hospital less stressful.

Last year the pub's landlord Nik Navewal, aged 44, was one of the walkers who helped raise more than £2,600 and was on the coals again this year He said: "My brother recently had cancer and I know how difficult it is, let alone having to go through the same with your child."

# £55k drugs factory was found in raid

**POLICE arrived in the nick of time to uncover a £55,000 cannabis farm, a judge heard. Officers swooped at 1.50am as at least two men dismantled the drug factory, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.**

by Adam Burling

The raid came when neighbours in Queens Road, Smethwick raised the alarm after recognising the telltale smell emerging from the house. Bashir Ahmed was loading a large box into one of the three vehicles parked outside when police arrived on July 21, revealed Miss Rhianna Jones, prosecuting.

Officers heard people trying to get away from the rear of the property and a police dog later found Shakeel Afsar hiding in a nearby garden, the court was told.

Miss Jones continued: "There were 123 plants under cultivation inside the house with a potential street value of up to £55,000."

The two vans and a car parked outside had either been rented by or belonged to 32-year-old Afsar and Ahmed, aged 43, continued the prosecutor. A receipt found in the glove box of one of the vehicles was for £6,500 worth of hydroponic equipment needed for growing cannabis. Afsar was on licence from jail at the time after his release in September last year from a prison sentence for producing cannabis and money laundering in Yorkshire.

He had played a leading role in the Smethwick drug factory while Ahmed, who had no relevant previous convictions, was assisting him, concluded Miss Jones.

Mr Zafeer Afzal, defending, said Afsar had been addicted to cannabis and had developed mental problems. The lawyer said: "He found life very difficult after being released from prison."

Ahmed from Montague Road, Edgbaston and Afsar of Haighmoor Way, Sheffield both admitted possessing cannabis with intent to supply. The latter was jailed for three years four months while the former received a four-month prison term suspended for a year with 150 hours unpaid work.

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The brigade's Corporate Communications team is in line for the Crisis Communications Campaign of the Year award at the UK Public Sector Communications Awards following the blaze at Jayplas in Smethwick in July.

The fire, which became known as '#smethwickfire' after social media interest, was sparked by a floating sky lantern landing on tons of plastic at a recycling yard.

The @WestMidsFire Twitter account gained more than 500 followers in the first 24 hours, while live video streams from the scene were watched tens of thousands of times.

A dramatic image of firefighters tackling the fire, taken by one of the brigade's volunteer photographers was praised as a 'photo of the day' by the Wall Street Journal.

# Grotto sets up

A CHRISTMAS fair and Santa's grotto is heading to a church. Warley Woods Methodist Church, on Abbey Road, Bearwood, will host Santa's first visit from 7pm-8.30pm tomorrow (Friday). The grotto will be then open on Saturday from 11.30am to 1.30pm.

# First view of new community centre

An artist's impression showing the new, modern community centre in Smethwick

WITH a covering of interlocking circles on its exterior it could almost be a mini-version of the new iconic Birmingham Library.

But this intends to be a landmark in its own right – in the shape of a new community centre in a town at the heart of a £42 million regeneration scheme. Plans are in the pipeline to demolish the existing Bangladeshi Islamic Centre in Smethwick and replace it with the new modern Brindley Village Community Centre.

A planning application outlining the scheme has been submitted to Sandwell Council. This artist's impression shows what the building would look like, while planning documents state that the new centre will be 'easy to access, welcoming and beautiful'. The centre is based on Lewisham Road and includes religious facilities as well as a cafe and ICT area.

A report to borough planners states that the centre sits on the northern boundary of the new Brindley Village II development.

It adds: "The site has been highlighted on the overall masterplan as a key gateway to this area of regeneration and new housing."

It adds the site is an 'important focal point at the entrance to the development, and that the site is a key opportunity for a major landmark building'. Work has already started on the Brindley II scheme which will see 193 homes being built.

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# Denise kicks in to help unveil new judo centre

Denise Lewis talks to young athletes as she opens the British Judo Centre of Excellence at the Walsall campus

**OLYMPIC gold medallist Denise Lewis unveiled a new £1 million judo Centre of Excellence in Walsall, hailing the development as a 'massive boost' to the sport in this country.**

The facility at the University of Wolverhampton's Walsall campus on Gorway Road features a 1,000 sq ft dojo, a state of the art gymnasium and accommodation for 28 athletes.

It was funded by the university, who donated the former sports hall and a lecture theatre and also paid for renovation works.

Denise, who bagged gold in the heptathlon at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, said the new facilities could provide the key to unearthing the region's first Olympic judo champion. "There are so many factors that come into play when it comes to winning a gold medal at the Olympics," she said. "Of course the talent has to be there but you can't get to the top on ability alone."

Denise, who was born in West Bromwich and grew up in Wolverhampton, said her own rise to glory came after a change of routine in the wake of her bronze medal at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996. After Atlanta I knew I had to change things around. I started living and training under the same roof which helped me to have a more professional outlook."

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NEWS

# Joy to be found with art unveiled at library

Mayor Linda Horton tucks into some grey paes, after unveiling the new art work, watched by Robert Hazel, Jan Owen, poet Brendan Hawthorne and Keith Hodgkins

A LIBRARY has been relaunched with a new space for the community named in memory of a popular member of staff.

Glebefields Library, Tipton, which shares its facility with Murray Hall children's centre, has had a facelift.

It included new carpet, shelving and clearing a new space for community members. The space has been cleared so it can be used for talks and training sessions.

A mural painted originally for the Tipton City Challenge Project in 1992 – showcasing all things Tipton – has also found a new home at the St Marks Road library, after being moved from the Neptune Health Centre nearby. The community area has been named Joy's Space, in memory of Joy Hale, a former worker. The facility was officially relaunched by Sandwell mayor Councillor Linda Horton.

# Grandfather stole £200 pension cash off man, 91

**GRANDFATHER Clive Richards was in the Black Country visiting his family but took the opportunity to make a quick buck, and swiped £200 from a 91-year-old who was collecting his pension.**

By Simon Stone

Richards has now been jailed for the theft. The 43-year-old had been in the region to visit his grandchildren when he preyed on the victim in a post office in Oldbury.

One of Richards' grandchildren sat in a pushchair as he committed the theft that left the pensioner needing hospital treatment.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told Richards distracted his victim by telling him he'd drop something on the floor and then reached around to grab the cash out his hand.

As the elderly man tried to prevent the crook getting away he fell to the ground, later needed hospital treatment.

Ms Rhiannon Jones, prosecuting, told the court: "The victim in this case has gone to collect his pension and has then checked the notes at a side counter.

"The defendant had been behind him in a queue and had attempted to withdraw £20 out of his account but was told he couldn't as he had insufficient funds."

The theft took place just before 9am on June 17 but it was some time later when Richards was arrested in Bristol.

When interviewed by police he made no comment interview. A statement was read out in court where the victim said he wouldn't let Richards' actions have a 'negative effect on his life.

Mr Daniel White, defending, said: "Mr Richards is utterly ashamed of himself for what he did. He wasn't aware how old the victim was he knew he was elderly but not to that extent."

Richards, of Harrington Lane, Exeter, pleaded guilty to theft. Judge Walsh sentenced him to 20 months.

# Views sought on cycling

PEOPLE are being asked for their views on plans which outline the future of cycling across the region. Transport bosses at Centro have worked with the West Midlands' seven local authorities to draw up its draft Cycle Charter. It aims to boost the number of cycle trips from just one per cent of all journeys to five per cent within the next 10 years.

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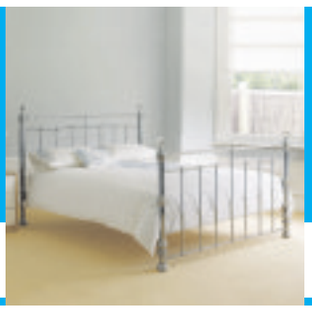

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## CLUB NEWS

# Selection box talk on menu

### W'TON WOMEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

THE monthly Luncheon, held at The Lindens, Tettenhall Road, on October 23 was attended by a total of 88 people including the Mayor and Mayoress of Wolverhampton, speaker Peter Slack and guests, some of whom were gentlemen.

On the menu was chicken caesar salad, pork in a red wine sauce followed by apple crumble, tea or coffee with mints.

After the meal, the chairman Sheila Groom invited the Mayor, Councillor Milkinder Jaspal to say a few words. He said he and his wife were delighted to be invited to the club and went on to give a brief talk about his background and family.

The chairman thanked the Mayor for his talk before introducing Peter Slack, a dairy and sheep farmer in the Peak District.

His humorous talk was entitled "I'm not lost; I'm just not sure where I am". He spoke about his observations of visitors to his area.

Votes of thanks were given to the club from the guests and to the speaker by Michael Groom.

On November 27 the speaker will be Jennie Storr on 'Jennie's Christmas selection box" and the menu will be Florida cocktail, roast turkey and Christmas pudding with brandy sauce.

# Mayor and MP are the birthday guests

From left, Dudley Mayoress Heather Finch, president John Cartwright and Mayor Alan Finch

### DUDLEY PROBUS LUNCHEON CLUB

DUDLEY Probus Luncheon Club held its 40th anniversary dinner at its usual venue, The Lodge in Wellington Road. Dudley.

The dinner was hosted by club president John Cartwright, with guests the Mayor of Dudley Alan Finch and the Mayoress Mrs Heather Finch.

The club also welcomed Dudley North MP Ian Austin. After the dinner, Probus member Alan Wedge gave a brief history of the club followed by slide show covering some of the events.

# Eloquent guest speaker's topic was Mother of Pearl

### KINGSWINFORD TG

KINGSWINFORD Guild met in the Community Centre in High Street on November 11. After welcoming members, chairman Enid Fennell, welcomed two visitors, Wendy Jarratt and Linda Trehern.

After completing the essential business, members were reminded that as the December meeting will be a Christmas luncheon, and the weather in January may be inclement, they should be giving serious thought to the matter of next year's committee.

Following reading of the Federation report, members were asked to volunteer to become part of the Federation team for the national quiz. The selection will be made in the New Year and the regional round will take place in Stourbridge.

Wednesday club, rambling group, scrabble group and luncheon club all revealed the extent of their activities until the beginning of 2014.

There was an extra raffle prize, beautiful chrysanthemums presented by Doreen Comley, which had been grown by her husband. Raffle prizes were won by Sally Fowler and Sheila Watts. The speaker was George Hook who talked about his business of making products from Mother of Pearl. He was very eloquent.

There was a brisk trade at the end as members made their purchases. He was thanked by Enid Fennell.

Potential new members, or visitors are invited to join the group at the community centre, Kingswinford at 7.30 on January 13. Mr and Mrs Betts will talk about Witley Court and Gardens.

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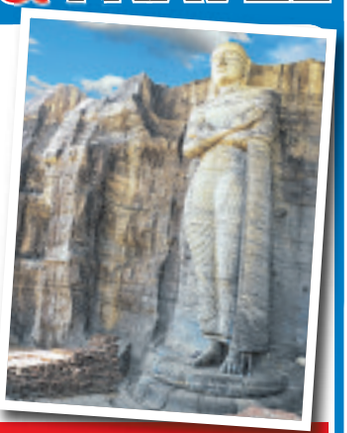

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NEWS

# Bright Christmas makes its Deutsche mark

Petra Rhrend runs four units at Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market, which opened for business last week

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Councillor Leddy said: "It gives me great pleasure to welcome back the Frankfurt Market to Birmingham for its 13th year. This year's 39-day event will provide a fantastic festive celebration for all our visitors to enjoy."

Winter Skate at Birmingham's ice rink will be open daily until January 5, except Christmas Day, with last entries at 9pm. And for those eager to try it out, there are now additional sessions from 7pm on Saturday.

Birmingham's Frankfurt Centenary Square. The Christmas Market and Christmas Craft Market are open from Thursday until Saturday, December 22, from 10am to 9pm daily. For up to date information about the market follow @thechrismoose, or @BirminghamFCM on Twitter. Or you can like Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market & Craft Fair on Facebook.

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## Fruit

It's time to get the secateurs busy, as there are plenty of pruning jobs to get on with. Start winter pruning established, free-standing apple and pear trees, not cordons, espaliers, pyramids or fans, which should be left until summer. Pruning of all stone fruit must be left until spring or summer.

Make sure you have a plan of attack and don't just prune for the sake of it. You should be thinking about removing the following:

- The four Ds – any growth that is dead, dying, damaged or diseased (such as infected by canker).
- Growth that is crossing from one side of the tree to the other, as this can reduce airflow and increase disease problems.
- Any branches that are rubbing, as this can cause damage.
- Any branches that are growing too low and any that are growing too tall.

Currants and gooseberries can be pruned now. Start by thinning out very old, very thin and diseased growth.

Prune red and white currants and gooseberries by cutting back main branches by half to three-quarters and sideshoots on these branches to one to three buds from their base.

For blackcurrants, cut back up to one-third to a half of all the older branches to their base to give plenty of room for young, vigorous growth.

Grape vines can be pruned now; major pruning at other times can lead to severe bleeding, which will weaken the vine and may even kill it. This year's sideshoots should be hard pruned to one or two buds.

Carefully rubbing off the old, loose bark of indoor grape vines can help deter overwintering pests.

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GAME REVIEWS

# Heed Duty's call or go back to Gotham in latest offerings

**THE BAT is back but he's not particularly better In Batman Arkham Origins (16), third part of the Arkham series that has helped reinvent the Dark Knight for gamers.**

WB Montreal has taken over from London-based Rocksteady as the game developer and has done a steady reliable job on the franchise rather than bringing any radical new aspects to the Batman saga.

This is a prequel to Arkham Asylum with a five-years-younger Batman having to face down the world's most deadly assassins after crime boss Black Mask puts a bounty on the head of the caped crusader.

To complicate matters, Gotham has been hit by a big winter snow storm and the local police department are once again proving to be rather unhelpful to the vigilante superhero. And another supervillain, The Riddler under his previous guise of Enigma, is providing additional challenges.

## Gadgets

But Batman's handy array of gadgets mean there is a solution to every problem as our hero glides around Gotham using his cape and sometimes firing his Batclaw for a boost or his Batarang to take out enemies or open doors. New gizmos include a very handy Remote Claw for creating a zip wire between two fixed points, or to send enemies crashing into each other, and Shock Gloves to pack his punch with high voltage. Whilst most of the criminal goons are no match for our hero, Batman does have some increasingly gruelling encounters with such new villains as the hulking Enforcer.

Batman achieves victory with a mix of stealth and violence and there is more emphasis here on his detective skills. As well as the X-ray-like vision that enables our hero to check out a room of assailants in advance and make a plan of action, there is a new ability here via the Batcomputer to review the scene of crime to explore various scenarios and hunt for clues.

And when it comes to trading blows, the balletic Freeflow combat system is still staggeringly good.

In multiplayer mode, there are opportunities to play as Batman or Robin or as one of The Joker or Bane's gang.

Overall, WB Montreal seem to have taken the 'if it ain't broke why fix it' approach which explains why this game is good rather than great.

The return of Batman was soon overshadowed by the arrival of **Call of Duty Ghosts (16)**, which got dedicated gamers queuing up to get their hands on the biggest game of the year

The Caped Crusader is back in action

The Ghosts take on The Federation again

It certainly lives up to its hefty price tag with an all-action romp that switches from Los Angeles experiencing armageddon to a zero gravity battle on a space station within the first ten minutes.

The new instalment is set in the near future where a united South America, called the Federation, launches a sneak attack on the USA by hi-jacking city-blasting space weapon Odin. Then we fast-forward a few years to a post-apocalypse vision of America where the remaining US troops are involved in a guerilla war against the Federation.

It's a far-fetched but absorbing story, initially more character driven then previous CoDs. It looks fantastic and will easily absorb gamers for a whole day, at the least.

New to multiplayer is the chance to forge your own highly customised cohort of troopers. You could hone your super-trooper for months or just dive into the gun-blazing action. Either way, you get plenty of bang for your buck.

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REVIEW

# Frantic farce as classic gets a Brummie twist

Table talk for Sian Brooke and Paul Hunter playing married couple Elmire and Orgon *Picture by Ellie Kurttz*

Mark Williams is scruffy scoundrel Tartuffe in Rep artistic director Roxanna Silbert and Chris Campbell's version

**Tartuffe, The Rep, Birmingham**

**BRUMMIE actor Mark Williams comes home to star in this rollicking, up-dated version of Moliere's 17th Century comedy.**

He actually doesn't appear until half way through the first act but it is to the credit of an excellent ensemble cast that the audience does not get impatient for the Harry Potter and Father Brown actor.

Williams plays the crumpled rogue Tartuffe, who has inveigled his way into a wealthy household by persuading the master of the house Orgon that he is a pious Christian whilst actually lusting after Orgon's wife Elmire, who then devises a plan to expose his hypocrisy.

In the capable hands of director Roxana Silbert, this is turned into a topical fast-paced farce with lots of ribald humour, slapstick violence and local references from Lee Longlands to Wolverhampton.

## Panic

On a set best described as 'Solihull baroque', Paul Hunter gives a masterclass in frenetic physical comedy when the blinkered Orgon realises he has been duped – his panic is a sight to behold.

There are also fine performances from Ayesha Antoine, an absolute firecracker as mouthy maid Dorine; Janice Connolly ruling the roost as a barking mad grandmother; and Sian Brooke as the exasperated Elmire.

But the calm centre of all this frantic foolery is Williams, who doesn't waste a single gesture as the cunning fraudster.

His comic performance is spot on and, like his victims, the audience ends up charmed by the scruffy scoundrel.

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## REVIEWS

# Rebel rousers don't do subtle

**The Wolfe Tones, Emerald Club, Wolverhampton**

THERE is nothing subtle about Irish band The Wolfe Tones, they may have been around for 50 years but their rebel rousing, political edge and anti-English establishment sentiment has not dulled in the least.

This is their last tour and it could well be a good move as there is now an anachronistic quality to their hit-you-between-the-eyes style and jingoism. This is not to say the wrongdoings of the British Government in Ireland can be forgotten but there comes a time to move on; to start the healing process rather than keep the wounds raw.

There was an atmosphere more akin to a football match with Brian Warfield doing his best to whip up the patriotic fervour. They opened with the politically-charged Sunday Bloody Sunday, lyrics by John Lennon, with Warfield on banjo, Tommy Byrne on guitar and vocals and Noel Nagle on tin whistle. The audience in the Cross Street North club seemed to be in two factions those who were there to listen to the music of an Irish band and those who wanted to show their fervent patriotic feelings through terrace style chanting and singing. This is not to say it was aggressive or intimidating.

Warfield preceded most songs with some kind of political comment and continued to try and stoke a rebel rousing atmosphere with songs such as God Save Ireland. The concert went on past midnight finally ending with the Irish national anthem and had lasted best part of two hours, so you can't say the Tones don't give value for money.

**Danny Farragher**

# Bugg breaks into a smile at sing-along

**Jake Bugg, 02 Academy, Birmingham**

SERIOUS young singer-songwriter Jake Bugg let his pokerface slip twice during the third of his sell-out Birmingham dates, revealing that rarest of sights – a Jake Bugg smile.

The 19-year-old from Nottingham seemed surprised by the response of the Birmingham crowd, who sang along with every song from his chart-topping self-titled debut album like they were 20-year-old classics.

But then the talented teenager – who upset 1D fans by criticising their manufactured pop icons – does write (and co-writes) guitar-driven songs with an authentic heritage feel. Songs such as Lightning Bolt (the final encore of his 70-minute set) could have come from the 1950s skiffle era.

Whilst other teens have been watching The X-Factor, Bugg has been listening to old Neil Young, Donovan and blues records. But the lyrics often tackle the gritty business of growing up in broken Britain, as on Two Fingers and Trouble Town.

## Energy

Songs from his soon-to-be-released second album Shangri La, recorded in Malibu with Metallica and Johnny Cash producer Rick Rubin, show a heavier direction with the Jake Bugg trio delivering an epic wall-of-sound.

But Bugg has not abandoned his acoustic style. Ballad A Song About Love, also from the new album, was passionately delivered whilst Slumville Sunrise has similar kinetic energy to Lightning Bolt.

Jake Bugg – smiled, twice

Support came from rootsy country duo HoneyHoney from Los Angles (nice but samey) and Bath band of brothers The Family Rain, a powerhouse trio featuring the Walter siblings. They have hairy heavy rock tendencies and should be worth checking out when they play The Institute in Digbeth on Saturday, November 23.

**Leon Burakowski**

# Pilgrims' prowess

**Pilgrims' Way Newhampton Folk Club, Newhampton Inn, Wolverhampton**

FOR a four piece band Pilgrims' Way have the baggage of a travelling orchestra.

The great thing is they are not for show, the band is versatile and wonderfully talented and switch instruments ad infinitum including the hurdy gurdy, the kazoo, Jew's/jaw harp, squeezebox, accordion, various fiddles, guitars and mandolin.

There is also a fantastic energy and enthusiasm when they perform.

Elf-like Lucy Wright, mainly on vocals but also playing second fiddle – an ironic misnomer – and Jew's harp, she even threw in a little dancing.

There was incredible fiddle playing from Tom Kitching who also doubled up with the mandolin. Edwin Beasant, who on this occasion mostly played accordion, chipped in on squeezebox, harmonica and guitar. The fourth and newest member was Jon Loomes who played the evocative hurdy gurdy but also moved to squeezebox and guitar when required.

Coming from Stockport and taking their name from a Rudyard Kipling poem, in some ways they are like a miniature Bellowhead but with a more traditional sound.

Pilgrims' Way obviously enjoy what they do and their enthusiasm comes through. They are a delightful and immensely talented band.

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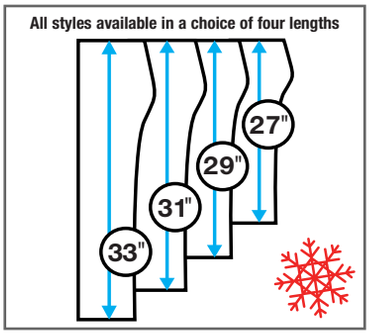

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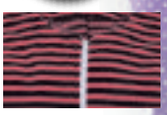

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| Product | Code | RRP | Price |
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# There is no escape from this rising star of comedy scene

**THERE is no getting away from funnyman Andrew Lawrence at the moment. The comic, a double Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, brings his new show to Wolverhampton early next month.**

For anyone feeling their life is so awful that they wish they could disappear and never be found, this show should be right up their street.

The comedian performs his 'There Is No Escape' show at the Slade Rooms, in Broad Street, on December 8.

### Winner

A winner of the BBC New Act of the Year in 2004, Lawrence has since made a name for himself on the stand-up circuit as well as landing a role in the BBC TV sitcom Ideal.

A Sony Radio Award nominee, Lawrence has twice been shortlisted for the Best Headline Act at the Chortle Award, has appeared on Live At The Apollo and has an acclaimed radio 4 series that bear his name.

Tickets for the Wolverhampton show, which start at 8pm, are priced at £15 or £13 and available on 0870 320 7000 or online at www.wolvescivic.co.uk

Andrew Lawrence – he is exploring the funny side of feeling really fed up

## Ned reunion gig

BLACK Country band Ned's Atomic Dustbin are marking their 25th anniversary with gigs including Birmingham O2 Academy on Saturday night. The band, fronted by Jonn Penney, will play along with Cud, Republica and DJ Steve Lamacq.

## REVIEW

**Bellowhead Symphony Hall, Birmingham**

BELLOWHEAD are not so much a folk band as an 11-player orchestra. They know how to put on a show, infect people with enthusiasm and they are dripping with talent.

Sam Sweeney as a lone piper opened proceedings under a single spotlight, followed by John Boden's distinctive voice coming through the darkness before the full band was revealed to applause from a sold-out crowd.

Jordan was one of the opening songs which set the pace for the rest of the night with the band never letting up, much to the delight of the fans.

They followed this up with 10,000 Miles Away, a track from their most recent album Broadside, which gave free rein to the animated brass section comprising Andy Mellon on trumpet, Brendan Kelly on sax, Ed Neuhauser on the mighty tuba and Justin Thurgur on trombone. These were backed up by Pete Flood on the drums and frying pan, John Spiers on melodeon and Benji Kirkpatrick on banjo.

As the night went on there was a bewildering amount of instrument changes that was as much a spectacle as the performance and songs themselves.

The audience became the 12th man for another favourite from Broadside, Roll the Woodpile Down. Towards the end they kept the audience hopping with one of their most popular hits New York Girls.

**DANNY FARRAGHER**

## McBusted team up is a smash hit

FOLLOWING the astonishing success of their reunion at the Royal Albert Hall for McFly's tenth anniversary concert, Tom Fletcher, Danny Jones, Dougie Poynter and Harry Judd have announced they will join forces with James Bourne and Matt Willis, of their former pop rivals Busted, as supergroup McBusted for a UK arena tour.

The response of fans to the Busted/McFly reunion has been phenomenal, despite the absence of Busted singer Charlie Simpson who left the band in 2005 and is not taking part in the reunion.

McBusted have added several dates to meet the clamour for tickets after #mcbusted became the top worldwide trend on Twitter. Together Busted and McFly sold 15 million records worldwide and chalked up 14 number ones, 20 top 3 singles and 27 top ten singles.

Fans can expect a nostalgic set full of favourite Busted and McFly hits, plus a few surprises, when they play gigs at Birmingham LG Arena on May 2, 3 and 17. Tickets are £39.50 for the LG (plus fees) and are available from www.livenation.co.uk or www.ticketmaster.co.uk

If it ain't McBusted why fix it? The noughties' top boy guitar bands join forces

## REVIEW

**One Night of Queen, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton**

THEY brought their own kind of magic to Wolverhampton and the packed Grand Theatre lapped it up.

From the moment the lights started to flash and the beat struck up, people were singing along to all their favourites as One Night of Queen proved the group's music is as popular as ever.

This tribute band ran through the well-known and not so well-known songs with frequent requests for people to clap and join in all happily met.

### Strut

Although Gary Mullen's voice was nowhere near as powerful as the legendary Freddie Mercury, he certainly had all the moves with the struts and sexual innuendos

The band was excellent, with superb solos from the drummer and lead guitarist but sometimes they did tend to drown out the singing, which was a shame on the more poignant songs.

However, everyone seemed to be in party mood and every time Gary stripped off his jacket or T-shirt the crowd did erupt into screams and furious applause – and he was loving every minute of it.

Coming back on stage at the end for the obvious encore – this group proved that they are still the champions.

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# What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 23.11.13

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### CHOICE

Dermot O'Leary

**The X Factor**
**ITV, 8pm**
They may be ratings rivals, but there are obviously a few X Factor fans working on Strictly Come Dancing – this year alone, we've seen routines performed to What Makes You Beautiful by One Direction and Wings by Little Mix. So, it seems only fair that this week the remaining acts on the Simon Cowell's singing contest are also getting the chance to raid The X Factor songbook by performing hits by past contestants. And for anyone fancying a go at Trouble or Dance with Me Tonight, be warned – Olly Murs is this week's guest performer. Dermot O'Leary presents.

### BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.30** Live Rugby League World Cup. **3.00** Live Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Qualifying. **5.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities. A Doctor Who special, with contestants including Sylvester McCoy. (R)

**6.30 Strictly Come Dancing.** Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present another ballroom battle.

**7.50 Doctor Who: The Day of the Doctor.** As an ancient battle reaches its conclusion, the Doctor's past comes back to haunt him and the whole of reality is at stake. Sci-fi adventure, starring Matt Smith and David Tennant. Also being shown simultaneously in a number of UK cinemas.

**9.05 Casualty.** Fletch's domestic problems compromise his work.

**10.00 The National Lottery Live.** Chris Evans reveals the results.

**10.10 BBC News;** Weather.

**10.30 Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Everton v Liverpool; National Lottery Update.

**11.55 The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

**1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News. **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Live Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Qualifying. **5.05** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing. **7.50** Doctor Who: The Day of the Doctor. **9.05** Casualty.

### BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.50 Film:** The Company She Keeps. (1951) **8.10 Film:** The Happiest Days of Your Life. (1950) **9.30** Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – First Practice. **11.15** Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Second Practice. **12.55** Live Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Third Practice. **2.05** EastEnders. **3.00** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. With Louis Smith and Lizzie Armitstead. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Live International Rugby Union.

**8.00 Dad's Army.** The platoon takes a loose barrage balloon off to the woods to secure it to a tree, but an accident sees it float away – taking Captain Mainwaring with it. (R)

**8.25 QI XL.** Extended edition. Sarah Millican, Jason Manford and Bill Bailey join regular panellist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions on the topic of keeps.

**9.15 Comet of the Century: A Horizon Special.** An examination of how the passage of Comet Ison through the solar system could give insights into some of the greatest mysteries of science, including where Earth's water came from.

**10.15 DH Lawrence: A Journey Without Shame – A Culture Show Special.** Retracing the Alpine journey DH Lawrence made in 1912.

**11.15 Film: Bright Star.** (2009) Biopic telling the story of 19th-century romantic poet John Keats' three-year relationship with neighbour Fanny Brawne. Starring Ben Whishaw, Abbie Cornish and Paul Schneider.

**1.05 Film:** The Big Picture. (2010) **2.50** This Is BBC Two.

### ITV

**6.00** CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. **7.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Munch Box. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. (R) **10.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.35** Surprise Surprise. (R) **12.35** Dinner Date. (R) **1.35** Doc Martin. (R) **2.35** All Star Mr & Mrs. **3.35 Film:** Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi. (1983)

**6.05 Regional Programme;** Weather.

**6.15 ITV News;** Weather.

**6.30 New You've Been Framed!** A tiny archaeologist digs up more than anyone bargained for.

**7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special.** With Vic Reeves, Jenni Falconer, Michael Buerk and Francine Lewis.

**8.00 The X Factor.** The remaining acts celebrate the best of the show, from the most memorable performances to hit singles released by past contestants, and there is live music by Olly Murs.

**9.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec present the latest jungle stories.

**10.30 The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Gary Barlow, Dame Edna Everage, Simon Pegg and Michelle Keegan.

**11.35 ITV News;** Weather.

**11.50 Take Me Out.** A dance instructor, a footballer, a student and an events manager take part. (R)

**12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

### CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Volleyball. (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.05** Frasier. (R) **10.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** Heston's 80s Feast. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.05 Come Dine with Me.** Natashka Ingham hosts the final dinner party from Lincolnshire. (R)

**6.35 Channel 4 News.**

**7.05 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD.** Phil Coulson and his agents pick up the pieces in the aftermath of the events chronicled in Thor: The Dark World, but circumstances threaten to destroy a member of the team. (R)

**8.00 Stonehenge: Walking Through History.** New series. Tony Robinson embarks on a walk across Wiltshire, from Avebury to Stonehenge, telling the story of the development that occurred in the latter days of the Neolithic era.

**9.00 Killing Kennedy.** A fact-based account of how US president John F Kennedy and his killer Lee Harvey Oswald crossed paths on that November afternoon in 1963. Drama, with Rob Lowe and Will Rothhaar.

**10.55 Film: Devil.** (2010) Horror, starring Chris Messina.

**12.35** Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.20** Paddy's TV Guide. (R) **2.05** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.10** 90210. **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.05 Film:** Doctor Who and the Daleks. (1965) Sci-fi adventure, starring Peter Cushing. **11.45** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **12.10** Ben Fogle's Animal Clinic. (R) **1.10** Stobart: Trucks, Trains & Planes. (R) **2.10 Film:** An Old Fashioned Christmas. (2010) Period drama sequel, starring Jacqueline Bisset. **3.55 Film:** A Christmas Visitor. (2002) Drama, starring Reagan Pasternak and Aaron Ashmore. **5.40 Film:** Single Santa Seeks Mrs Claus. (2004) Comedy, with Crystal Bernard, Steve Guttenberg and Dominic Scott

**7.20 Film: Mrs Miracle.** (2009) A talented housekeeper helps a widowed father of twin boys to turn his life around and rediscover his love of music. Family drama, starring Doris Roberts and James Van Der Beek.

**9.05 5 News Weekend.**

**9.10 Battle Scarred: Soldiering On.** Chris Terrill examines how the loss of comradeship can affect ex-service personnel in civilian life and visits a Newcastle-based group helping veterans. Last in the series.

**10.00 Film: The Fugitive.** (1993) A doctor convicted of his wife's murder goes on the run, hoping to track down the one-armed man he believes is the real killer. Thriller, starring Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones.

**12.35** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Gladiator: The True Story. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

### DIGITAL

**BBC Three**
**7.00** Great TV Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **9.05** Doctor Who Live: The Afterparty **10.05** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide

**BBC Four**
**7.00** Frozen Planet **8.00** Stories from the Dark Earth: Meet the Ancestors Revisited **9.00** Borgen **11.00** Kings of 70s Romance

**ITV2**
**3.45** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **4.45 Film:** Peter Pan (2003) **7.00 Film:** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **9.30** The Xtra Factor **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** Fake Reaction

**ITV3**
**3.00 Film:** Columbo: Double Exposure (1973) **4.30** A Touch of Frost **6.30** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.00 Film:** Bird on a Wire (1990)

**ITV4**
**12.45** Live Snooker. The first Champion of Champions semi-final. **5.15** Police, Camera, Action! **5.45** Storage Wars **6.45** Live Snooker. The second Champion of Champions semi-final. **11.15 Film:** Jaws 3 (1983)

**E4**
**3.35** Rules of Engagement **4.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Suburgatory **8.00** New Girl **9.00 Film:** Assault on Precinct 13 (2005) **11.10** The Inbetweeners **11.45** The Big Bang Theory

**Film4**
**2.50** Cocoon (1985) **5.05** Carry On Behind (1975) **6.55** The Wedding Planner (2001) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Lopez. **9.00** Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. **11.00** Berberian Sound Studio (2012)


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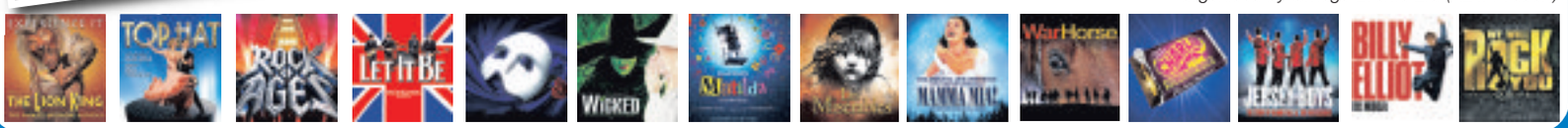


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# What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 24.11.13

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### CHOICE

David Dimbleby

**Britain and the Sea BBC1, 9pm**
David Dimbleby continues his maritime jaunt around the coastline of Britain, as he steers his yacht towards the south-east coast. It is here throughout the ages that enemy forces have made their first points of attack, and has therefore been instrumental in the nation's defences. Along the way he takes a tour of HMS Victory, Nelson's flagship vessel from the Battle of Trafalgar. A far more unlikely piece of history from the Wars comes in the form of a chamber pot, which David learns was a key piece of propaganda in the fight against Napoleon.

### BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live 2013. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.45** Points of View. **3.00** Live Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix.
**6.05 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
**6.25 Countryfile.** John Craven presents archive items on science, including profiles of naturalist Gilbert White and palaeontologist Mary Anning, and how Hollywood can help breed the perfect pig.
**7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and operatic pop quartet Il Divo perform.
**8.00 The Paradise.** Denise sets up a meeting with a potential new investor, only for her work to be undermined. Katherine confides in Moray – unaware Tom has been watching their intimacy grow.
**9.00 Britain and the Sea.** David Dimbleby learns about invasion and defence on the south-east coast, taking a tour of HMS Victory and revealing how a chamber pot helped in the battle against Napoleon.
**10.00 BBC News**; Regional News; Weather.
**10.25 Match of the Day 2.** Cardiff City v Manchester United and Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur.
**11.25 Film: Soul Men.** (2008) Comedy, starring Samuel L Jackson and Bernie Mac.
**1.00** Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

### BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.10 Film:** Morning Glory. (1933) **7.20 Film:** Murder on a Honeymoon. (1935) **8.35** Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets. (R) **9.35** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) **11.45** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) **12.30** EastEnders. **1.30** Live International Rugby Union. **4.00** Rugby League World Cup. **4.45** Coast. (R) **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30 Film:** The Tuxedo. (2002) Adventure, starring Jackie Chan.
**7.00 Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Highlights.** Suzi Perry presents action from the concluding round of the season at Interlagos, where the drivers looked to end the campaign in style.
**8.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys.** Michael Portillo travels through Bohemia and Bavaria, test driving a state-of-the-art passenger train in Pilsen and sampling the spa waters of Marianske Lazne.
**9.00 Morecambe and Wise: The Whole Story.** Part one of two. Dean Lennox Kelly narrates a documentary charting the comedy duo's rise to stardom, beginning with a look at the early years of their act.
**10.30 Hebburn.** Pauline is bullied at work by a fellow estate agent. (R)
**11.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks.** Jack Whitehall hosts, with Johnny Borrell, Aston Merrygold, Katy B and Alex Brooker. (R)
**11.30 Film: The Daisy Chain.** (2008) Horror, starring Samantha Morton, Steven Mackintosh, Mhairi Anderson and David Bradley.
**12.55** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.50** Holby City. (R) **2.50** This Is BBC Two.

### ITV

**6.00** CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Victorious. **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Storage Hoarders. (R) **10.30** Sunday Side Up. **11.30** Sunday Scoop. **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Inside the National Trust. **1.35** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.35** The X Factor. (R) **4.05** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **5.05** You've Been Framed! (R) **5.35** Prize Island.
**6.35 Regional Programme;** Weather.
**6.45 ITV News**; Weather.
**7.00 Surprise Surprise.** Diversity and Roberto Martinez take part.
**8.00 The X Factor Results.** The remaining contestants collaborate with JLS, One Direction perform their new single Story of My Life and there is also music by Mary J Blige. Dermot O'Leary hosts.
**9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** The surprises keep coming for the campers as they spend another day coping with the horrors of the jungle, and one of them has to take part in a live Bushtucker Trial.
**10.30 ITV News**; Weather.
**10.45 Off Their Rockers.** A pensioner's wheelchair is clamped. (R)
**11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.** Action from the latest top-flight fixtures.
**12.15** The Store. Home shopping. **2.15** Motorsport UK. **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

### CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The American Football Show. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** Gadget Man. (R) **3.25 Film:** Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country. (1991) **5.35 Film:** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs. (2009)
**7.25 Channel 4 News.**
**7.55 The Political Slot.** Election candidate for Hampstead and Kilburn Maajid Nawaz tours the constituency.
**8.00 Finding Babylon's Hanging Garden – Secret History.** Oxford academic Stephanie Dalley tries to solve the mystery of the wonder of the ancient world, which she believes belonged to another time and was built at a different location.
**9.00 Homeland.** Carrie and Quinn pursue a key suspect, Saul deals with a political backlash, the strain of the job takes its toll on Fara, and the Brodys receive startling news.
**10.00 Was It Something I Said?** With Vic Reeves and Josh Widdicombe. Last in the series.
**10.30 Toast of London.** Steven gets into trouble with Michael Ball. Last in the series.
**10.55 Fresh Meat.** Vod tries to break up with Javier. (R)
**11.50 Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** With Micky Flanagan, Sheridan Smith and some of the Made in Chelsea cast. (R)
**12.50** American Football Live. **4.45** KOTV Boxing Weekly. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** River Cottage Bites. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. **10.00 Film:** Daleks' Invasion Earth: 2150 AD. (1966) **11.35** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.35 Film:** A Boyfriend for Christmas. (2004) **3.25 Film:** Noel. (2004) **5.15 Film:** Annie Claus Is Coming to Town. (2011)
**6.55 Film: Entrapment.** (1999) An elusive art thief is pursued by an insurance agent, who teams up with him to plot the robbery of a lifetime. Crime thriller, starring Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones.
**8.55 5 News Weekend.**
**9.00 Hitler's 9/11.** Documentary exploring how Nazi strategists planned to fly aircraft into Manhattan's skyscrapers in an attempt to psychologically destabilise the American people.
**10.00 Film: Valkyrie.** (2008) Fact-based thriller, starring Tom Cruise.
**12.15** 7 Days That Made the Führer. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

### DIGITAL

**BBC Three**
**7.00** Doctor Who **8.20** Doctor Who Live **9.15** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.00** Family Guy **10.25** The Revolution Will Be Televised **10.55** American Dad! **11.40** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad
**BBC Four**
**7.00** Amazon **8.00** The Man Who Discovered Egypt **9.00** Madness in the Desert: Paris to Dakar Rally **10.00** The RTS Huw Wheldon Memorial Lecture 2013 **10.45** Nina Conti – A Ventriloquist's Story: Her Master's Voice **11.45** John Denver: Country Boy
**ITV2**
**3.55 Film:** Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **5.50** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.50 Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** You've Been Framed! **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.30** Tricked: Favourite Tricks
**ITV3**
**2.35** A Touch of Frost **4.35** Inspector Morse **6.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Blue Murder
**ITV4**
**12.45** Live Snooker **5.15** Police, Camera, Action! **5.45** Storage Wars **6.45** Live Snooker **10.00 Film:** Village of the Damned (1995)
**E4**
**3.45** How I Met Your Mother **5.45** Rules of Engagement **6.15** The Big Bang Theory **7.45 Film:** Crocodile Dundee II (1988) **10.00** Rude Tube: Ultimate Stunts **11.00** The Inbetweeners **11.35** Drifters
**Film4**
**3.10** Akeelah and the Bee (2006) **5.20** The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) **7.00** Leap Year (2010) **9.00** The A-Team (2010) **11.15** I Am Breathing (2013)


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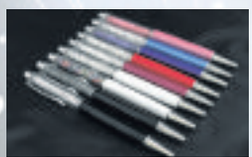
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# What's On!

## Film Choices

**MONDAY**
**The Gingerbread Man, Channel 5, 11.40pm**
A lawyer is shocked to learn of his girlfriend's traumatic upbringing and launches a personal crusade to see her violent, abusive father brought to justice. He succeeds in having him committed to an asylum – little suspecting he is setting the scene for a deadly confrontation. Robert Altman's legal thriller based on John Grisham's novel, starring Kenneth Branagh, Embeth Davidtz, Robert Downey Jr, Robert Duvall, Famke Janssen and Daryl Hannah. (1998)

**TUESDAY**
**When a Man Loves a Woman, BBC1, 11.35pm**
A couple's outwardly idyllic marriage is close to disintegrating through the wife's alcoholism, prompting her husband to resort to desperate measures to make her give up drinking for their children's sake. However, he is also forced to face up to the part he played in allowing her life to go off the rails. Drama, with Andy Garcia, Meg Ryan, Lauren Tom, Ellen Burstyn, Tina Majorino and Mae Whitman. (1994)

**WEDNESDAY**
**Swordfish, Channel 5, 10.30pm**
A computer hacker recently released from prison is recruited by a mysterious criminal to help him embezzle millions of dollars. The plot draws him into the world of international espionage as he discovers his new employer is a former US anti-terrorist operative planning to steal from his old government paymasters. Thriller, starring John Travolta, Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Don Cheadle and Vinnie Jones. (2001)

Troy, Friday, Channel 5, 9pm

**THURSDAY**
**Love at the Parade, Channel 5, 3.15pm**
The organiser of Chicago's Thanksgiving parade is furious when a consultant is brought in to take charge of the event's finances, thinking he is only interested in profit. But when she suffers an unexpected crisis, she finds support in her previously unwanted colleague, and begins to fall for him. Romantic drama, with Autumn Reeser and Antonio Cupo. (2012)

**FRIDAY**
**Troy, Channel 5, 9pm**
A Trojan prince elopes with the king of Sparta's wife, sparking a bitter and bloody war between a mighty alliance of Greek kings and the city of Troy, whose champion engages in intense personal conflict with the enemy's most formidable warrior. Wolfgang Petersen's adventure, inspired by Homer's epic poem The Iliad, with Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom, Brian Cox, Sean Bean, Peter O'Toole and Diane Kruger. (2004)

## Pick of the Week

# The Tardis welcomes back a former Tennant

It's here at last, the moment all Doctor Who fans have been waiting for... At 5.15pm on November 23, 1963, a TV legend was born, but in rather inauspicious circumstances.

The broadcast took place a day after the assassination of US President John F Kennedy, and as a result, nobody was really paying that much attention to the arrival on British screens of a white-haired old gent who claimed he could travel through space and time in a police box that was bigger on the inside than it was on the outside.

But, just a few weeks later, it was regarded as a phenomenon thanks to the debut appearance of the Daleks – and it's been much-loved by millions ever since.

Now the sci-fi classic is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and current showrunner Steven Moffat is as excited as anybody about this special episode, which will also be broadcast and shown in cinemas in 3D.

"Since I was a little boy, the idea of writing a Doctor Who story at all was remarkable enough to me," he reveals. "But writing the 50th special was exciting and terrifying – everything that showbiz should be.

"I didn't want this to just be a celebration of 50 years of the past. I wanted it to be a celebration of the mythology and legend of the Doctor and all that entailed.

"This should be the first step on the next journey, guaranteeing the 100th anniversary. The story focuses on the most important thing that ever happened to the Doctor. We very rarely do that in Doctor Who as it's usually about the people the Doctor meets or the companions that travel with him. This time it's different."

How different we're just not sure – Moffat is frankly brilliant at keeping the plots of Who stories top secret, even if it means telling a few little white lies along the way.

What we do know is that David Tennant is returning to the Tardis alongside Matt Smith, and they'll be joined by John Hurt as an incarnation of the Time Lord that the Doctor himself would rather forget.

Billie Piper is also back as Rose Tyler, and those who love Tom Baker's era will be thrilled about an appearance by the Zygons, shape-shifting aliens who haven't been seen since 1976.

"With John Hurt we have serious acting royalty and that was the intent of John's character," explains Moffat. "John is one of the most distinguished actors this country has produced and has now become part of Doctor Who mythology.

"The Zygons, without question, are a design classic. They are superb – brilliant from the voice, to the appearance. Essentially, we've resurrected exactly the same Zygon as Tom Baker fought back. They are beautiful, and it'll show that the special looks forward to the future of Doctor Who and also celebrates the legend."

We're guessing a few more people will be tuning in to this episode than did so in 1963 – and anybody who misses it will feel as alien as a Cyberman when it comes to Monday morning's school and work discussions!

Doctor Who: The Day of the Doctor, Saturday, BBC1, 7.50pm

## Best of the Rest

**MONDAY**
**Ripper Street**
**BBC1, 9pm**
Given the calibre of cast, crew, and the international appeal, there's perhaps little wonder this series has found favour worldwide. The latest offering involves the murder of Telegraph Boy Otto Roberts. When he is found strangled, Detective Inspector Edmund Reid and his fellow crime busters attempt to expose a vice racket run from the offices of the GPO. The case takes Reid to the heart of Barings Bank, one of the city's most revered financial organisations. Before long the team uncovers blackmail, impending economic disaster and crooked financial dealings. With a great cast including Matthew Macfadyen, Jerome Flynn and Adam Rothenberg, as well as some superb attention to detail, this is a welcome change from the usual cops and robbers dramas.

**The Choir: Sing While You Work**
**BBC2, 9pm**
You've got to hand it to choirmaster Gareth Malone – his determination cannot be rivalled. However, he's going to need more than determination (and his signature bow tie) tonight, as he tackles what could be his biggest challenge yet. He's hoping to turn staff at Cheshire Fire and Rescue into an all-singing, all-beaming group of folk ready to take on his other choirs. But he's got his work cut out. At audition stage, the alarm is raised and bells and blue lights bring an abrupt halt to proceedings, as the station gets to work. Once rehearsals get under way, Gareth's next task is to give the back-room staff the confidence to stand tall and sing proud.

**TUESDAY**
**Last Tango in Halifax**
**BBC1, 9pm**
A wedding day should be the happiest time of your life, preferably surrounded by loved ones, not by a butcher who'd rather be somewhere else and an indifferent, on-duty policeman. And when Alan (Derek Jacobi) considers paying the witnesses £20 he manages to dampen some of the romance. Little wonder his bride Celia (Anne Reid) is a little miffed. The service is eventually interrupted by Gillian (a scene-stealing Nicola Walker), who has a go at her dad for being so selfish. Meanwhile, as Caroline (Sarah Lancashire) finds a way to buy John out of the house, her relationship is threatened by Kate's desire for a baby. Sally Wainwright's brilliant, bittersweet comedy also stars Tony Gardner and Nina Sosanya.

**The Sound of Musicals**
**Channel 4, 9pm**
When Andrew Lloyd Webber needed to solve a problem like finding an actress to play Maria in his revival of The Sound of Music, he turned to reality TV for help. But when it comes to the tricky business of casting a West End musical, not every producer is able to hand the decision over to the public. Take Kenny Wax for example – he struck lucky when putting on his staging of Top Hat, and recruited actor Tom Chambers, a former Strictly Come Dancing champion and Casualty star who could tap, sing and already had an army of fans. But as Chambers approaches the end of his contract, Wax needs to find another 'triple threat' to take over the role, a search that ultimately takes him to Broadway.

The Sound of Musicals, Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm

**WEDNESDAY**
**Treblinka: Inside Hitler's Secret Death Camp**
**Channel 5, 9pm**
It was a place of almost unimaginable horror, yet for many years, it seemed as if the Treblinka concentration camp had left no trace of its ever having existed. Located in north east Poland, the concentration camp was where the Nazis murdered more than 800,000 people between 1942 and 1943. Many more were forced to serve as slave labour. The camp was then dismantled in 1943, and anything the Germans authorities didn't destroy, time and the seasons concealed. Some Holocaust deniers have even questioned whether it ever existed at all. But earlier this year, British archaeologist Caroline Sturdy Colls embarked on a mission to reveal exactly what the Nazis were trying to hide at Treblinka. This documentary follows Caroline and her team as they work on the first comprehensive forensic investigation of the site.

**THURSDAY**
**Legacy**
**BBC2, 9pm**
For anyone too young to remember the 1970s, it wasn't just a time of flares, disco and Space Hoppers. In 1974, Britain was also in the middle of a Cold War, and contending with the three-day week, industrial strife and petrol rationing – and it's against this background that this thriller plays out. Charlie Cox heads the cast as Charles Thoroughgood, a trainee spy in MI6, who is under pressure to recruit his old university friend and Russian diplomat Viktor Koslov (Andrew Scott). However, it's not going to be as easy as going for a couple of drinks and reminiscing about the good old days. Viktor has his own agenda, as well as a bit of explosive inside information about the spy's family.

**FRIDAY**
**Kangaroo Dundee**
**BBC2, 8.30pm**
All eyes are focused Down Under at the moment thanks to the cricket and Celebrity shenanigans, but there's more to Aussie blokes than just the thwack of leather on willow, as this new documentary series proves. Following on from a two-parter shown earlier in the year as part of the Natural World strand, Kangaroo Dundee catches up with Chris 'Brolga' Barnes, the Outback hero who's been devoting his life to rescuing and raising orphaned kangaroos in Australia's Northern Territory. As the cameras start rolling again, Brolga has just taken in two new joeys by the name of Rex and Ruby, and is raising them using a pillowcase as a pouch.

# Puzzler

## Brain Gym

No.248

### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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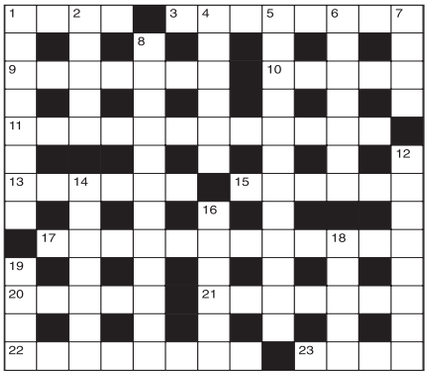
### Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



**Cryptic Clues:**

**Across**

1. Poor Iris, to droop like this! (4)
3. In a convent it gives preferential treatment (8)
9. Saying in the page rim, perhaps (7)
10. The thank you letter one gets from Greece (5)
11. Suckers will always buy them! (6,6)
13. Slightly sensitive? (6)
15. I am unfortunately having to return the sausage (6)
17. Indicate the spot for a country meeting (5-2-5)
20. Verdi's energy (5)
21. Newspaper piece could make it clear (7)
22. They sit outside the courts to give their decisions (8)
23. Naturally, they lack refinement (4)

**Down**

1. Feel a bit upset by a trifling annoyance (8)
2. Defence of the absent (5)
4. Misers may become careless (6)
5. Bound to start a fight? (2,3,7)
6. You can't do a thing with it! (7)
7. Period from very early times (4)
8. Apparently they don't require a penny for their thoughts (4,8)
12. Upright but lacking energy (8)
14. An ideal description (7)
16. Faster form of attack (6)
18. Fall into part of the main current (5)
19. A much revered figure (4)

**Quick Clues:**

**Across**

1. Pass (2,2)
3. Wasteful (8)
9. Send away (7)
10. Well up (5)
11. After death (12)
13. Make attractive (6)
15. Get away (6)
17. Despicable (12)
20. The sea (5)
21. Dryness (7)
22. More stable (8)
23. Remain (4)

**Down**

1. Good journey! (8)
2. Foundation (5)
4. Summary (6)
5. Essay (12)
6. Biggest ape (7)
7. Sediment (4)
8. Depressed (12)
12. Of late (8)
14. See (7)
16. Smear (6)
18. Wide bay (5)
19. Fling (4)

### Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Literal; 7 Strum; 9 Style; 10 Turn off; 12 Switchboard; 14 Taking sides; 18 Respond; 19 Rifle; 21 Snore; 22 Sailing. Down: 1 Piety; 2 Yellow; 3 Tap; 4 Stingo; 5 Gunfire; 8 Fuchsia; 11 Staging; 13 Make one; 15 Impart; 16 Evilly; 17 Plant; 20 Pas. QUICK - Across: 6 Defence; 7 Bogus; 9 Tepid; 10 Nursery; 12 Reduce speed; 14 Papier-mache; 18 Asinine; 19 Still; 21 Azure; 22 Adverse. Down: 1 Lever; 2 Revise; 3 Act; 4 Gossip; 5 Quarrel; 8 Funeral; 11 Current; 13 Capsize; 15 Ignore; 16 Hatred; 17 Close; 20 Odd.

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• Detached Property
• Four Bedrooms
• Two Reception Rooms
• No Chain

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**Mckean Road Oldbury**

• Mixed Use Property
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• Four Bedrooms

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**Mckean Road Oldbury**

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62 Mckean Road, Oldbury, B69 4AZ We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £86,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before 12.00pm on 29/11/2013

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• Three Bedrooms
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• Ground Floor
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• Three Bedrooms
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**Sandwell Road Handsworth Wood**

• Four Double Bedrooms
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• Two Reception Rooms

£1000

**Montfort Road Walsall**

• Detached Home
• Stained glass windows
• Original coal fires
• Designer kitchen

£1,750

**Monkgate Drive West Bromwich**

• Modern Build
• Three Bedrooms
• Modern Kitchen
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• Ground floor apartment
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## FORTHCOMING AUCTION

### Thursday 5th December 2013

**To be held at... Aston Villa Football Club from 11.00am**

### 67 Lots to inlude:

| Lot No. | Address | Tenure | Gaide Price |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 138 COLLIS STREET, STOURBRIDGE, WEST MIDLANDS DY8 4EE | Freehold Vacant Residential | £26,000 - £29,000 |
| 2 | 23 ERNEST ROAD, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY2 7QU | Freehold Vacant Residential | £65,000 - £69,000 |
| 3 | 17 GREENHILL ROAD, HAROSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM B21 8DX. | Freehold Vacant Residential | £60,000 - £65,000 |
| 4 | 928 CLEMENTS ROAD, YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM B25 8TT | Freehold Commercial Investment | £20,000 - £25,000 |
| 5 | 93 GALTON ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS B67 5JT | Freehold Vacant Residential | £110,000 - £120,000 |
| 6 | 125 GRESWOLD STREET, WEST BROMWICH, WEST MIDLANDS B71 1NS | Freehold Vacant Residential | £88,000 - £94,000 |
| 7 | 45 HALESOWEN ROAD, NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY2 9QD | Freehold Vacant Residential | £110,000 - £120,000 |
| 8 | 115 PRIORY ROAD, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B28 0TG | Freehold Vacant Residential | £82,000 - £86,000 |
| 9 | 95 WALFORD ROAD, SPARKHILL, BIRMINGHAM B11 1NP | Freehold Commercial Investment | £145,000 - £155,000 |
| 10 | 939 STAFFORD ROAD, HUNTINGTON, CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE WS12 4NU | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £15,000 - £20,000 |
| 11 | LAND NORTH SIDE OF SPRINGDALE STREET, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDLANDS WV13 1EJ | Freehold Freehold Land | £45,000 - £55,000 |
| 12 | 5 DYOTT ROAD, MOSELEY, BIRMINGHAM B13 9QZ | Freehold Vacant Residential | £325,000 - £365,000 |
| 13 | 15 JACOBY PLACE, PRIORY ROAD, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM B5 7UN | Vacant Residential | £95,000 - £110,000 |
| 14 | THE LEOPARD, JERRYS LANE, BIRMINGHAM B23 5NX | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £170,000 - £190,000 + VAT |
| 15 | UNIT 3 WOODS LANE, BRIERLEY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS DY5 3QY | Freehold Commercial Investment | £95,000 - £105,000 |
| 16 | 116 FENTON STREET, BRIERLEY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS DY5 3HD | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £75,000 - £79,000 |
| 17 | 147- 149 CAPE HILL, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS B66 4SH | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £350,000 - £375,000 |
| 18 | SOHO TAVERN, 407 PARK ROAD, HOCKLEY, BIRMINGHAM B18 5SR | Freehold Commercial Investment | £80,000 - £95,000 |
| 19 | 92 SHIRLEY ROAD, ACOCKS GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B27 7NA | Freehold Vacant Residential | £140,000 - £150,000 |
| 20 | 48 CARNEGIE AVENUE, TIPTON, WEST MIDLANDS DY4 8SX | Leasehold Residential Investment | £22,000 - £26,000 |
| 21 | 50 CARNEGIE AVENUE, TIPTON, WEST MIDLANDS DY4 8SX | Leasehold Residential Investment | £22,000 - £26,000 |
| 22 | 75 HOLYHEAD ROAD, HAROSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM B21 0LG | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £180,000 - £200,000 |
| 23 | 97 - 99 NINEVEH ROAD, BIRMINGHAM B21 0SX | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £90,000 - £98,000 |
| 24 | 7 EDGCOMBE ROAD, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B28 8AY | Freehold Residential Investment | £110,000 - £116,000 |
| 25 | 216 OLDNIXON ROAD, SMALL HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B10 0HY | Freehold Vacant Residential | £75,000 - £79,000 |
| 26 | 85 SOMERS ROAD, HERESLEY END, COVENTRY CV7 8LS | Freehold Vacant Residential | £45,000 - £50,000 |
| 27 | 1 BRINDLEY STREET, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE DY13 9JA | Freehold Residential Investment | £180,000 - £200,000 |
| 28 | 69 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE WS11 1HD | Freehold Vacant Residential | £85,000 - £95,000 |
| 29 | LOCK UP GARAGES R/O 798-784 ALCESTER ROAD SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM B14 5EZ | Freehold Garages | £25,000 - £29,000 |
| 30 | 3 BRINDLEY STREET, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE DY13 9JA | Freehold Commercial Investment | £120,000 - £130,000 |
| 31 | 252 ABBEY STREET, DERBY DE22 3SW | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £175,000 - £200,000 |
| 32 | 102 MINSTER ROAD, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE DY13 9AJ | Freehold Commercial Investment | £90,000 - £99,000 |
| 33 | 120-122 HIMLEY ROAD, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS DY1 2DQ | Freehold Vacant Residential | £165,000 - £185,000 |
| 34 | THE KIMBROSE HOTEL, 11/13 COMMERCIAL ROAD, GLOUCESTER GL1 2DY | Freehold Commercial Investment | £375,000 - £400,000 |
| 35 | 15 GLENDOWER AVENUE, COVENTRY CV5 8BG | Freehold Vacant Residential | £92,000 - £98,000 |
| 36 | 26 AVENUE ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS, WEST MIDLANDS B65 0LR | Freehold Residential Investment | £98,000 - £104,000 |
| 37 | LAND ADJ 75 FLORENCE ROAD WEST BROMWICH WEST MIDLANDS | Freehold Building Plot | £32,000 - £36,000 |
| 38 | THE HOP POLE HOTEL, 9 MARKET SQUARE, BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE HR7 4BP | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £220,000 - £250,000+VAT |
| 39 | 131 LICHFIELD STREET, WALSALL WS1 1SY | Freehold Commercial Investment | £125,000 - £145,000 |
| 40 | FORMERLY WILLENHALL LOCKS, STRINGES LANE, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDS WV13 1LF | Freehold Industrial | £140,000 - £160,000 |
| 41 | FORMER WILLENHALL LOCKS HARDWARE, JOHN HARPER STREET, WILLENHALL WV13 1LF | Freehold Industrial | £170,000 - £190,000 |
| 42 | 18 LOCK UP GARAGES, COLINA CLOSE, COVENTRY CV3 3ES | Freehold Garages | £50,000 - £57,000 |
| 43 | 4xFGR TREASURE CLOSE, AMINGTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 | Freehold Ground Rents | £10,000 - £13,000 |
| 44 | 4xFGR TREASURE CLOSE, AMINGTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3HS | Freehold Ground Rents | £10,000 - £13,000 |
| 45 | 5xFGR TREASURE CLOSE, AMINGTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFS B77 3HS | Freehold Ground Rents | £13,000 - £16,000 |
| 46 | 4xFGR TORC AVENUE, AMINGTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3EP | Freehold Ground Rents | £10,000 - £13,000 |
| 47 | 4xFGR TORC AVENUE, AMINGTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE B77 3EP | Freehold Ground Rents | £11,000 - £14,000 |
| 48 | 4xFGR TORC AVENUE, AMINGTON, TAMWORTH, STAFFS B77 3ER | Freehold Ground Rents | £10,000 - £12,000 |
| 49 | FGR 10 BLACKMORE LANE, BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE B60 1AB | Freehold Ground Rents | £2,000 - PLUS |
| 50 | FGR 323 ADAMS HILL, BARTLEY GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B32 3PB | Freehold Ground Rents | £2,000 - PLUS |
| 51 | FGR 329 ADAMS HILL, BARTLEY GREEN, BIRMINGHAM B32 3PB | Freehold Ground Rents | £2,000 - PLUS |
| 52 | 2B, 61 & 67 BRYN MORGRUG, ALLTWEN, PONTARDAWE, WEST GLAMORGAN SA8 | Freehold Ground Rents | £7,000 - £9,000 |
| 53 | 75, 85 & 87 BRYN MORGRUG, ALLTWEN, PONTARDAWE, WEST GLAMORGAN SA8 3DG | Freehold Ground Rents | £7,000 - £9,000 |
| 54 | 12 & 14 BURNS CLOSE, CALDICOT, GWENT SA8 | Freehold Ground Rents | £6,000 - £7,500 |
| 55 | FGR 93A UNION ROAD, SHIRLEY, SOLIHULL, WEST MIDLANDS B90 3BZ | Freehold Ground Rents | £6,000 - £8,000 |
| 56 | LAND ADJ TO 18 MOOR LANE, BIRMINGHAM B6 7AE | Freehold Development Land | £88,000 - £95,000 |
| 57 | 74 WALKERS HEATH ROAD, BIRMINGHAM B38 0AW | Leasehold Vacant Residential | £85,000 - £89,000 |
| 58 | 152 - 154 CAPE HILL, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS B66 4PH | Freehold Commercial Investment | £170,000 - £190,000 |
| 59 | 120 THE GREEN, WEDNESBURY, WEST MIDLANDS WS10 9JP | Freehold Commercial Investment | £86,000 - £92,000 |
| 60 | 34 WAVERLEY ROAD, SMALL HEATH, BIRMINGHAM B10 0ER | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £100,000 - PLUS |
| 61 | DOCTORS SURGERY, VICARAGE ROAD, OLDBURY, WEST MIDLANDS B68 8HL | Leasehold Vacant Residential | £92,000 - £98,000 |
| 62 | 72 - 74 STAFFORD STREET, WALSALL WS2 8DR | Freehold Vacant Commercial | £90,000 - £100,000 |
| 63 | 18 ST. ELIZABETHS ROAD, FOLESHILL, COVENTRY CV6 5BY | Freehold Vacant Residential | £82,000 - £88,000 |
| 64 | 47 SEVERN ROAD, BLACKENHALL, WALSALL WS3 1NU | Freehold Residential Investment | £55,000 - £59,000 |
| 65 | 40 ALVECOTE COTTAGES, ALVECOTE LANE, ALVECOTE, TAMWORTH B79 0DJ | Freehold Vacant Residential | £90,000 - £70,000 |
| 66 | 20 ARTHUR STREET, REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE B98 8LD | Freehold Residential Investment | £110,000 - £116,000 |
| 67 | 121 DAISY FARM ROAD, BIRMINGHAM B14 4QL | Freehold Vacant Residential | £50,000 - plus |

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# AUCTION

## 12th December 2013

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**52a Thompson Avenue, Wolverhampton**
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**13 Green Road, Dudley**
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**90 Whitegates Road, Coseley**
First Floor, 2 Bedroom Leasehold Apartment
**Guide: £38,000-£43,000**

**45 Chelmarsh Avenue Castlecroft, Wolverhampton**
Three Bedroom End Terraced Property
**Guide: £68,000-£72,000**

**284 Tat Bank Road, Oldbury , West Midlands**
Three Bedroom Mid Terraced Property
**Guide: £48,000-£54,000**

**31 Norton Crescent, Bilston, Wolverhampton**
Three Bedroom End Terraced Property
**Guide: £39,000-£44,000**

**22 Ash Road, Dudley**
Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property
**Guide: £50,000**

**324 Deans Road, Wolverhampton**
Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property
**Guide: £39,000-£44,000**

**41 Brynmawr Road, Lanesfield, Wolverhampton**
Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property
**Guide: £49,000-£54,000**

**106 Osprey Drive, Rusells Hall, Dudley**
Three Bed Semi Detached Property
**Guide: £54,000-£59,000**

**31 Wallace Road, Bilston, Wolverhampton**
Three bedroom Semi Detached Property
**Guide: £44,000-£49,000**

Residential Investment

**Hardon Road, Wolverhampton**
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**Current Gross Income: £5,400 pa**
**Guide: £45,000-£50,000**

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**70/71 Windmill Lane, Smethwick**
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**Guide: £85,000**

Commercial Investment

**14 Moor Street, Corner of 1 Albion Street, Brierley Hill**
Commercial Investment Property with Vacant Residential Flat above
**Current Gross Income: £4,800 pa**
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**Landlord Forum**

**Wednesday 27th November 2013, 7pm**
**Council Chamber, Civic Centre,**
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**If you are a landlord with property to rent in the Cannock Chase area, why not attend the next meeting of the Landlord Forum?**

**Guest Speakers for the evening are:**

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**Tom Cave Housing Solicitor**
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A guide for landlords on repossession & general good practice principles for managing rented accommodation

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BEARWOOD

MUST BE VIEWED TO BE FULLY APPRECIATED

Wattis Road

A delightfully presented, spacious, considerably improved 2 bedroomed intermediate terraced property convenient for all local shopping facilities available within Bearwood Town Centre, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, sitting/dining room, delightful lounge (opening to:) re-fitted kitchen (with integral oven/hob and integrated fridge and microwave), utility area, attractive downstairs bathroom, 2 double bedrooms and pleasant low maintenance rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL TO FULLY APPRECIATE THE SUPERB ACCOMMODATION. EPC rating E. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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VIEWING ESSENTIAL

Causeway Green Road

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**£110,000**

### Oldbury

**Blakeley Hall Road**
Semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing Essential. Please note the curb hasn't been dropped so does require planning to do so. Energy Rating 52 (E)
**£110,000**

### West Bromwich

**Andrew Road**
Well presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Energy Rating 63 (D)
**£145,000**

### West Bromwich

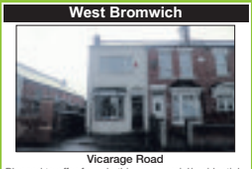
**Thursfield Road**
A well presented semi detached property in a desired area of West Bromwich. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Viewing Highly Recommended. Energy Rating 53 (E)
**£165,000**

### West Bromwich

**Hydes Road**
A immaculately presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Cloak Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Conservatory, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing highly recommended. Energy Rating 56 (D)
**£200,000**

### West Bromwich

**Whitworth Drive**
Immaculately presented detached property. Briefly comprising of Four Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Cloak Room, En Suite To Master, Family Bathroom, Conservatory, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy rating 71 (C)
**£220,000**

### West Bromwich

**Vicarage Road**
Pleased to offer for sale this commercial/residential property. Having front of the property as a hairdressers. Comprising of Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Shower Room, Three Bedrooms, Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. EPC- TBC ●●No Chain!
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### West Bromwich

**Thursfield Road**
Double Fronted, Mid Terraced property. Briefly comprising of Large Lounge, Dining Room, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Good Sized Rear Garden, Large Driveway, Double Glazing and Central Heating. Energy Rating 66 (D)
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### West Bromwich

**Bernard Street**
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### West Bromwich

**Kiniths Crescent**
A well presented semi-detached property situated in a cul-de-sac. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Downstairs WC, Verandha, Shower Room, Rear Garden, Garage, Double Glazing anf Central Heating where specified. The property has potential to be exstended with planning consent. Energy Rating 55(D)
**£159,950**

### West Bromwich

**Haypits Close**
Well Presented detached bungalow in a desired area of West Bromwich. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Front and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage, Central heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate this property. Energy Rating 49 (E)
**£215,000**

### West Bromwich

**Harrington Croft**
Immaculately well-presented detached property in the desired area of West Bromwich. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Cloak Room, Conservatory, En Suite To Master Bedroom, Front and Rear Garden, Off Road Parking and Garage. Energy Rating 75 (C)
**£300,000**

### West Bromwich

**Beaconsfield Street**
A well presented semi detached property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms,Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Driveway, Rear Garden, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing Essential. NO UPWARDS CHAIN● EPC- TBC
**£125,000**

### West Bromwich

**Haywoods Farm**
Wortonkelly are delighted to offer for sale this lovely detached house located in West Bromwich, with no upward chain. Comprising of 3 bedrooms (1 with en suite), 2 reception rooms, family bathroom, cloakroom, garage and off road parking, double glazing and central heating where specified. A viewing is recommended to truly appreciate this property. EPC-TBC
**£155,000**

### West Bromwich

**Greswold Street**
Well-presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Four Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Down Stairs Cloak Room, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing Highly Recommended. Energy Rating 68 (D)
**£145,000**

### West Bromwich

**Lily Street**
three bedroom semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Two/Three Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing. Viewing essential to appreciate this property. Energy Rating - 62 (D)
**£160,000**

### West Bromwich

**Hall Green Road**
A immaculately presented detached bungalow. Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Guest Cloakroom, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing highly recommended. NO CHAIN●● Energy Rating 74 (C)
**£280,000**

### West Bromwich

**David Harman Drive**
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**£329,950**

### West Bromwich

**Hall Green Road**
Well Presented End Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Driveway providing Off Road Parking, Rear Garden, Energy Rating 50 (E)
**OIEO £150,000**

### West Bromwich

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REDUCED BY 10,000
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**£180,000**

### West Bromwich

**Alexandra Crescent**
REDUCED BY 15,000
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**£210,000 OIEO**

### Wednesbury

**Hydes Road**
A much improved and extended spacious 5 bedroom family home. Located near the local secondary school and M6 motorway junction. The property briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted Modern Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and door into Reception Rooms. Two with Two further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front Garden and Rear Gardens and Garage, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Viewing highly recommended. ●Please note this property can be used as two separate units. Energy Rating 64 (D)
**£249,950**

### West Bromwich

**Harrington Croft**
A wonderful, executive, detached, family home located in this desirable part of West Bromwich. The property comprises of Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility and Guest W.C. The First Floor Comprises of Three Bedrooms (master with en-suite) and Family Bathroom. The second floor comprises of 2 Further bedrooms and a shower room, Front and Rear Gardens and Double Garage to side. Viewing of this property is highly recommended, Energy Rating 75 (C)
**£315,000**

### West Bromwich

**Hollyhedge Road**
Impressive and tastefully improved four bedroom detached property located in the desirable location of Hollyhedge Road. The property Briefly comprises of Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Conservatory, Four Bedrooms and two with En Suite, Family Bathroom, Driveway, Garage and Rear Garden. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate the quality of this home. Energy Rating (F)
**£335,000**

### West Bromwich

**Camberley, Beacon View Road**
A two bedroomed split level flat situated in a popular location. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms and Double Glazing Where Specified. Energy Rating 62(C)
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**289b Walsall Road**
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**£400 PCM + Fees**

### Wednesbury

**Brunswick Park Road**
A well presented ground floor flat, briefly comprising of spacious lounge, modern Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Parking Space. Available immediately for 6 months to long term. Energy Rating 72 (C)
**£475 PCM + Fees**

### West Bromwich

**New Swan Lane**
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**£525 PCM + Fees**

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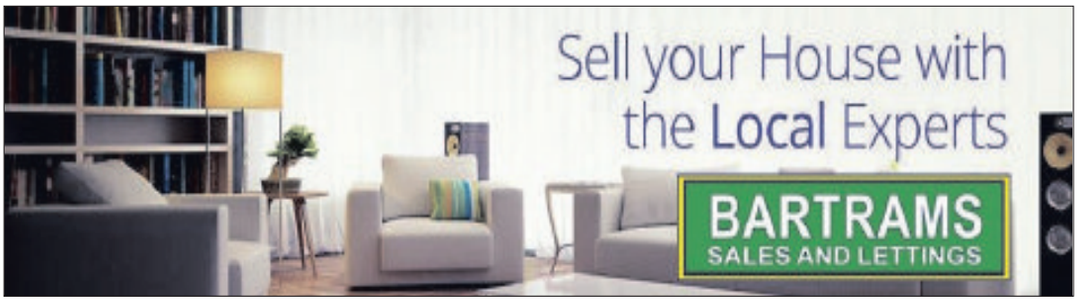


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- Freehold

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- Off-street parking for two cars to the front
- With internal inspection to be appreciated
- ENERGY RATING : C

OFFERS BASED ON £117,950

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### 77 HARVEST ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Well maintained centrally heated accommodation
- Part double glazed
- Three bedrooms and fully tiled bathroom
- Well proportioned lounge
- Good size dining/kitchen
- Conservatory
- Downstairs W.C.

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### 32 BRANDHALL COURT, OLDBURY

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- Gated development
- Superb through lounge/dining room
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- Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Garage and communal gardens
- FULL INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £94,950

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### 30 CROWN CLOSE, ROWLEY REGIS

- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate W.C.
- Spacious lounge
- Refitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
- Ideal FTBs
- Close to junction 2 of M5 motorway

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### CHESHIRE ROAD, SMETHWICK

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- Double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Ideal FTBs
- ENERGY RATING : D

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### 8 RATCLIFF WALK, OLDBURY

- Modern freehold town house
- PVC double glazed
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### 41 WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Substantial FIVE BEDROOMED semi-detached style end terraced property
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Family bathroom
- Lounge and dining room
- Utility/cloakroom and cellar
- Kitchen/breakfast room
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### 10 BOWDEN ROAD, SMETHWICK

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OFFERS BASED ON £84,950

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### 128 THIMBLEMILL ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Gas centrally heated
- PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Ideal for first time purchasers

ENERGY RATING E

OFFERS BASED ON £104,950

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### 141 MILCOTE ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Gas centrally heated
- PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom with individual shower
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen and utility
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £134,950

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### 83 CHISWELL ROAD, WINSON GREEN

- Recently refurbished mid-terraced
- Close to Lightwoods Park and Warley Woods
- PVC double glazed and gas centrally heated
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- INTERNAL INSPECTION A MUST
- ENERGY RATING : G

OFFERS BASED ON £114,950

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### 6 THE MOORINGS, HOCKLEY

- PVC double glazed and gas centrally heated
- 3 bedrooms, master bedroom having en-suite
- Family bathroom
- Spacious lounge
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Kitchen/breakfast room and utility
- Integral garage
- Off-street parking
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : C

OFFERS BASED ON £164,950

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### 8 THE MOORINGS, HOCKLEY

- PVC double glazed and gas centrally heated
- 3 bedrooms, master bedroom having en-suite
- Family bathroom
- Spacious lounge
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Kitchen/breakfast room and utility
- Integral garage
- Off-street parking
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : C

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- Well appointed bathroom with individual shower
- Reception hall, 24ft lounge, separate dining room, downstairs cloaks/shower room, conservatory,

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### 154 POTTERY ROAD, OLDBURY

- Close to Warley Woods
- Gas centrally heated & PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, dining room, lounge and conservatory
- Kitchen/breakfast room and utility
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £189,950

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### 8 SMITH CLOSE, SMETHWICK

- Superbly presented deceptively spacious modern freehold residence
- Extended accommodation which is gas centrally heated double glazed and fully alarmed
- Peasant location in a quiet close
- Three double bedrooms and superbly appointed fully tiled bathroom with individual shower to the first floor
- Excellent lounge separate dining room and fitted kitchen/breakfast room to the ground floor
- Well laid out gardens with ample off street parking for two/three cars
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### 62 BIRCH LANE, OLDBURY

- Superbly presented individual semi-detached
- Imaginative and expensively fitted, centrally heated accommodation
- Hall, lounge, attractive dining room and excellent well fitted kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Three double bedrooms
- Well appointed bathroom with Jacuzzi and shower
- Pleasant easily maintained gardens
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- Communal gardens
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### 67 PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Recently refurbished freehold mid-terraced property
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Fully tiled refitted bathroom
- Hall, lounge, dining room and refitted kitchen
- Ideally suited for first time buyers
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE RECOMMENDED
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £134,950

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### 33 CHURCH ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Superbly presented
- PVC double glazed
- Gas centrally heated
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Impressive through lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Neatly laid out well stocked garden
- EPC : D

OFFERS BASED ON £114,950

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### 19 PERRY COURT, OLDBURY

- First floor flat off main Hagley Road West
- Electric storage heating and double glazed
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Allocated parking and communal gardens
- Designated for over 60s (55+ with a disability)
- Warden controlled accommodation
- ENERGY RATING : C

OFFERS BASED ON £62,500

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### ASHWOOD CLOSE, OLDBURY

- Second floor flat
- PVC double glazed
- Electric storage heating
- Double bedroom
- Spacious lounge
- Allocated parking
- Ideal for first time buyers

Offers based on £67 500

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### 94 SWINDON ROAD, EDGBASTON

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- PVC double glazed virtually throughout
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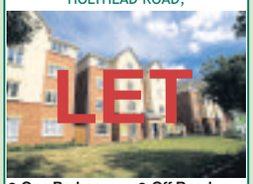


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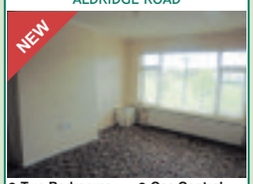


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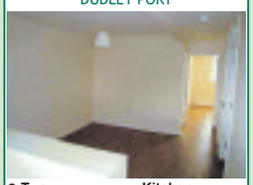

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- Gas central heating + sought after location
- Tremendous potential
- Epc rating
- Lounge
- Extended sitting room
- Extended kitchen + conservatory
- 3 bedrooms + bathroom, Porch + reception hall

Viewing
OFFERS AROUND: £149,995

## Gospel Oak Road
Tipton

- Deceptively Spacious Middle Terrace
- UPVc Double Glazing + Gas Central Heating
- improved accommodation
- 3 bedrooms + en suite, epc rating E

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000
Viewing:

## Oakley Avenue
Tipton

- Mordern Semi Detached
- Double Glazing & Central Heating
- extended accommodation
- 3 bedrooms, epc rating D

OFFERS OVER: £135,000
Viewing:

## Haines Close
Tipton

- modern semi detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- sought after location + no upward chain
- 3 bedrooms, epc rating D

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
Viewing:

## Kenilworth Close
Tipton

- Extended detached
- Extended to rear
- Upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- 4 bedrooms, epc rating C

OFFERS AROUND: £168,950
Viewing:

## Oakley Avenue
Tipton

- Semi Detached House
- double glazing + gas central heating
- extended accommodation
- 3 bedrooms, epc rating D

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
Viewing:

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Park Lane East**

21 Park Lane East, Tipton West Midlands DY4 8RD. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £58,500. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. EPC D

## Bradleys Lane
Bilston

- Traditional Extended Semi Detached
- UPVc Double Glazing + Gas Central Heating
- No Upward chain + extended to rear
- 3 bedrooms, epc rating E

OFFERS AROUND: £114,950
Viewing:

## Wednesbury Oak Road
Tipton

- immaculate detached dormer bungalow
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- superb internal accommodation
- 2 / 3 bedrooms, epc rating F

OFFERS AROUND: £205,000
Viewing:

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## Regent Street
Smethwick
NEW

- Modern Flat
- First Floor
- One Bedroom
- Energy Rating, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing:

## Wyndmill Crescent
West Bromwich
NEW

- Well Presented Property
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Deceptively Spacious
- Energy Rating TBC, Three Bedrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
Viewing:

## Edwin Phillips Drive
West Bromwich
REDUCED

- Mid Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Downstairs WC
- , Driveway To Front

OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
Viewing:

## Wolseley Road
West Bromwich
REDUCED

- End Terrace Property
- 3 Bedrooms
- Central Heating
- Energy Rating D, Double Glazing

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF: £114,500
Viewing:

## Crookhay Lane
West Bromwich

- Semi Detached Property
- Crete Paved Driveway
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating TBC, Double Glazed Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing:

## Little Lane
West Bromwich

- Opposite Sandwell Hospital
- Spacious Traditional Terrace
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Energy Rating D, Two Family Bathrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing:

## Dagger Lane
West Bromwich

- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating TBC, Block Paved Driveway

OFFERS AROUND: £250,000
Viewing:

## Hall Green Wharf
West Bromwich

- Modern Detached Bungalow
- Situated On An Exclusive Gated Development
- Recently Reduced
- 10 Year NHBC Certificate, Gas Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing:

## Meyrick Road
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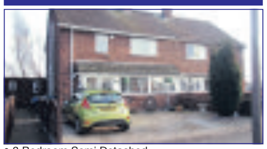

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Central Heating
- Lounge , Dining Room
- Conveniently Situated for metro, Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: £114,950
Viewing:

## Temple Meadows Road
West Bromwich

- Situated in a popular Residential Area
- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Energy Rating E, Lounge & Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: £169,950
Viewing:

## Heath Lane
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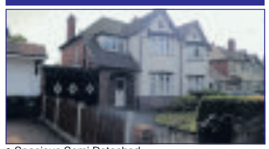

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Two Reception Rooms
- Energy Rating E, Three Bedrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £175,000
Viewing:

## Earl Street
West Bromwich

- Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Energy Rating, Lounge, Dining Room

OFFERS £115,000
Viewing:

## Charlotte Road
Wednesbury
NEW

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Gas central Heating & Double Glazing
- Storm Porch & Open Plan Reception Hall
- EPC Rating:, Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing:

## Crown Court
Darlaston
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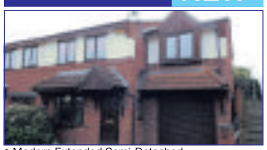


- Modern Extended Semi-Detached
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Gas Centrally Heated And Double Glazed
- EPC Rating - TBC, No Upward Chain

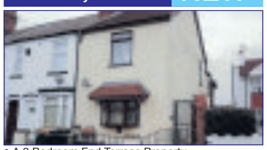
OFFERS AROUND: £140,000
Viewing:

## Berkshire Crescent
Wednesbury
NEW

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazed (as spec.)
- No Upward Chain!
- EPC Rating: E, Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £100,000
Viewing:

## Windmill Street
Wednesbury
NEW



- A 2 Bedroom End Terrace Property
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain!
- EPC Rating: TBC, Lounge & Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: £130,000
Viewing:

## Doe Bank Road
Tipton

- An Immaculate 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Excellent Transport Links to Nearby Towns
- EPC Rating: TBC, Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £140,000
Viewing:

## St Johns Road
Darlaston

- A 3 Bedroom End Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Dining Room
- EPC Rating E, Lounge

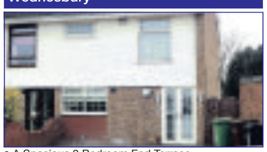
OFFERS AROUND: £80,000
Viewing:

## Hydes Road
Wednesbury

- Individually Built Detached House
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Reception Hall
- No Upward Chain, Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000
Viewing:

## Johnson Close
Wednesbury



- A Spacious 3 Bedroom End Terrace
- Cul-de-Sac Location & No Chain
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC Rating: C, Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000
Viewing:

## Smith Avenue
Wednesbury

- Extended 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central heating & UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing:

## Eldalade Way
Wednesbury

- A Tradtional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Located in a Cul-de-Sac
- No Upward Chain!
- EPC Rating: E40, Centrally Heated & Double

OFFERS AROUND: £100,000
Viewing:

## Canalside Close
Wednesbury

- A Purpose Built 2 Bedroom First Floot Flat
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Energy Rating D, No Chain! & Communal Gardens

OFFERS AROUND: £60,000
Viewing:

## Chestnut Road
Wednesbury

- A Delightful 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Extermely Well Presented
- Very Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC, Gas Centrally Heated & Double

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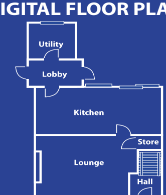


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**Raglan Road, Smethwick**

- Traditional Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Requires Modernisation
- No Chain
- EP Rating: F

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**Park Avenue, Smethwick**

- A Two Double Bed Terrace
- Spacious Breakfast Kitchen
- Ample Storage
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain
- EP Rating: E

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**Eva Road, Oldbury**

- Tastefully Presented Terrace
- Two Double bedrooms
- Delightful Kitchen
- Stylish Bathroom
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- EP Rating D

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**Milcote Road, Bearwood**

- Tastefully Presented Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
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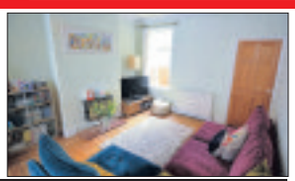

**Park Road, Bearwood**

- Traditional Terrace Property
- Attractive Throughout
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Stylish Kitchen and Bathroom
- Popular Location
- EP Rating E

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**Upper St. Marys Road, Bearwood**

- Beautifully Presented Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- EP Rating D

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**Talbot Road, Bearwood**

- A Traditional Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Modern, Re-fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor WC
- EP Rating: D

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**Thimblemill Road, Bearwood**

- A Charming Traditional Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Good Transport Links
- Close to Local Amenities
- EP Rating: E

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**Abbey Road, Bearwood**

- Traditonal Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Period Features
- EP Rating D

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**Upper St Marys Road, Bearwood**

- A Traditional Terrace
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- Through Lounge
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- Close to Warley Woods
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**Upper St Mary's Road, Bearwood**

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- Two Reception Rooms
- No Upward Chain
- Popular Location
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**Rawlings Road, Bearwood**

- Well Presented Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- EP Rating: E

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# Motoring

Compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

# Aston Martin is offering a ton of delight

**IT'S party time at Aston Martin. Their centenary year has been a glorious celebration of machinery new and old, and it's been a very satisfying experience to see just how far the marque has come, especially over the last decade.**

## By Matt Joy

The CC100 concept is quite something, but you can't buy the concept in your local dealer. The Vantage V12 S, however, is a different story.

The Vantage is Aston Martin's entry model – if you can call it that – and in its V8 guise, it's a gusty yet comfortable sports car. However, in 2009 the company's CEO Dr Ulrich Bez decreed that Aston's smallest car should be the recipient of its biggest engine; the 6.0-litre V12.

This automotive alchemy required a great deal of work. Squeezing a 6.0-litre V12 engine into a space that was never designed to hold it creates a few issues, but in achieving it they created a 21st century muscle car. And it was brilliant.

The V12 S is that little bit extra too. Right out of the box, it is second only to the outrageous £1 million One-77 hypercar in terms of acceleration; the Vantage V12 S can crack 60mph from rest in 3.7 seconds.

It's helped by the engine; a new V12 that first appeared in the Vanquish but has now been inserted into the smaller and lighter Vantage. While the old car did rather well with 510bhp the new one offers 565bhp which, by any stretch of the imagination, is a lot. It looks like no other Aston Martin either. The V12 Vantage looked pretty tough thanks to an extended bodykit and many much-needed vents in the bonnet, but the V12 S is a different animal.

It looks barely capable of containing the muscle within, like a bodybuilder crammed into a shirt three sizes too small. As you walk up to it and climb inside, it looks a lot like its GT4 racing siblings.

Climb inside through the clever upswinging 'swan wing' doors and you sit low and snug. The standard sports seats are good but the optional bucket items offer top-drawer support and save a few pounds in weight too. Slot the sapphire glass key into the slot and the V12 S whirrs and snarls into life.

In standard mode the exhaust runs through a hefty silencer, which keeps the noise civilised. Punch the Sport button and this is bypassed, giving full noise. You will want to do this as often as possible.

Hit the D button on the dashboard and the Speedshift III automated manual transmission is ready to go. Newly developed for this installation, Aston says it offers its fastest shifts and is lighter than the previous manual gearbox.

King of the road – Aston Martin's marvellous Vantage V12

Sheer luxury – the Vantage is started with a sapphire glass key

The V12 S can do the urban crawl thing. The ride is firm, of course, but there's new adaptive damping to help and it's more than comfortable enough. The engine has so much torque you can be extremely lazy with the gears, or just let it do its own thing in automatic mode – be prepared for people to stop and stare.

But don't waste your time in town. Get the V12 S out into the country, to its natural playground of twisty and challenging B-roads, and the whole thing comes to life.For starters, the engine is magnificent. With the car in Sport mode and the transmission in manual you can really exploit its performance. It almost doesn't matter what gear you're in; the V12 S just blasts forwards, right around the rev counter with that spine-tingling soundtrack egging you on.

Standard carbon ceramic brakes are reassuring to have when shedding high speeds, and the firm pedal action is a big help. The gear changes are undoubtedly rapid if not quite as smooth as a dual clutch transmission, but there's rarely a moment when you think about anything other than what a spectacularly fun car it is to drive.

With so much power going through the rear wheels it's easy to think it would be a total hooligan, but traction is very good. Even with the dynamic stability control switched to Track mode it's very rare that you have to correct a wayward rear end. It builds your confidence, butstill allows you to have fun.

At this price and performance, the Vantage V12 S is fairly short on rivals. Germany offers a few, but it will only take one look at the Aston to know if it's the car for you. And if it pushes your buttons with a glance, you can rest assured it is a complete thriller from behind the wheel too.

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| Age of vehicle: | New* |
| Miles per annum: | 6,000 |
| Excess Mileage charge: | £0.06 per mile |
| Duration: | 48 months* |
| (A) Cash Price (inc VAT): | £7,495.00* |
| Deposit: Advance payment and/or part-exchange allowance: | £114.00* |
| Amount to Fiance: | £7,381.00 |
| (B) Interest Charges: | £747.92 |
| Balance: | £8,413.92 |
| Payable by 47 monthly payments of: | £114.36 |
| Followed by a final payment of (inc (D) Option Fee): | £3,039.00 |
| (C) Acceptance Fee payable with first payment: | £0.00 |
| (D) Option Fee payable with the final payment: | £285.00 |
| Total Amount Payable (A+B+C+D): | £8,527.92 |

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## 1 Family

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## what's on

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**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**
Ocker Hill, Tipton.
Saturday, November 23.
At 1pm.
Refreshments and various stalls.
**Admission 20p.**
Everyone welcome.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**
At St Peter's Church Hall
Whitehall Road,
West Bromwich.
Saturday, November 23,
at 2pm.
Various Stalls,
**Admission 20p.**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**
St Joseph's School
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Darlaston
**Saturday, November 23, from 2pm till 4.30pm.**
Tombola, cakes, toys, straw, fancy goods, raffle and santa.
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**Admission 20p.**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**
St Lukes Church
Elwell Street
Wednesbury
WS10 9QD
**Saturday, November 23 at 12 - 2pm.**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**
Warley Woods Methodist Church, Abbey Road,
Smethwick, B67 5LS.
**Friday, November 22nd 7pm - 8:30pm and Saturday, November 23rd between 11.30am -1pm.**
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Admission 30p.
On 128 Bus Route

**SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOUL**
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**Admission 30p.**
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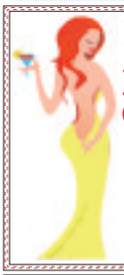

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## 3 Home & Services

### collectables & memorabilia

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### furniture

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# 4 Pets & Animals

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# 5 Business & Farming

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### commercial premises

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# 7 Jobs

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**SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**
**Regeneration and Economy**
**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**
**Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990**
**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010**

I hereby give notice that Sandwell Council has received the following applications under the planning acts which it is required to give public notice for the reason given at the beginning of each group of applications.

This is a major application.

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| DC/13/56513 | Mr Abdul Suban Bangladeshi Islamic Centre | Islamic Centre Unit 10-11 Lewisham Industrial Estate Lewisham Road Smethwick B66 2BP | Proposed demolition of existing Bangladeshi Islamic Centre and construction of 3 storey community centre and associated parking. |

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| DC/13/56518 | Mr Damian Jones | Unit 34 Coneygre Industrial Estate Tipton DY4 8XP | Change of use from paper recycling to general industrial, commercial and residential waste recycling. |

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| DC/13/56522 | Pall Mall Investments Ltd | Tipton Steel Stockholders Limited Hobart Road Tipton DY4 9LQ | Change of use from B8 (storage or distribution) to inert waste storage, sorting and re-distribution (sui generis). |

Members of the public may inspect copies of these applications at Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE.

(between 8.00a.m. and 5.30p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 8.00a.m. to 5p.m. Friday) or via the Council's Public Access website (www.sandwell.gov.uk).

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications can do so via the website, or should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days (and 21 days for Listed Building or Conservation Area consent) of the date of this advertisement quoting the application reference number.

**MR NICK BUBALO,** Area Director – Regeneration and Economy

**HIGHWAYS AGENCY**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A)**
**THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 1, SANDWELL) (SLIP ROAD)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M5 Motorway in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, to allow street lighting repairs to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 1.

Work will be carried out over two nights between 22:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 25 November 2013. The Order will come into force on 22 November 2013.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by, or with the permission of, a traffic officer will be exempt from the closure. A diversion route via the M6 Junction 7 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Letty Askew on 0121 6874137.

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A)**
**THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 3 TO JUNCTION 2 NORTHBOUND)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M5 Motorway in the Metropolitan Boroughs of Dudley and Sandwell, to allow the installation of an electronic traffic detector system.

The effect of the Order will be to close –
i) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 3 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 2;
ii) the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 3, and
iii) the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 2.

The work will be carried out overnight between 21:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Wednesday 27 November 2013 and last for one night. The Order will come into force on 25 November 2013.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closures. A diversion route via the A456 and the A4123 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Gail Buckler on 0121 4237775.

**Mike Lloyd,** a Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

**SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**
**(Bernard Street and Tantany Lane, West Bromwich)**
**(One-Way Traffic) Order 2013**

The Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers and in consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, proposes to make the following Order:-

1. To prohibit any vehicle from travelling in a in a north easterly direction in Tantany Lane, West Bromwich from its junction with Law Street to its junction with Bernard Street and in a south easterly direction in the entire length of Bernard Street, West Bromwich. This will have the effect of making the part of Tantany Lane, from its junction with Law Street to its junction with Bernard Street, and Bernard Street into a one-way street.
2. Nothing in the said paragraph 1 shall apply to vehicles when being used by the Police, Fire Brigade or Ambulance Service.
3. A copy of the draft Order, including a map showing the roads affected and a statement of reasons may be examined at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands during normal office hours.
4. Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order may do so in writing to Mr Irfan Choudry, Service Manager – Highways, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, PO Box 2374, Oldbury, B69 3DE or email highways@sandwell.gov.uk specifying the grounds of their objection by 12th December 2013.

Dated this 21st day of November 2013

**N SHARMA,** Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

**SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**
**The Borough Council of Sandwell (Johns Lane, Tipton)**
**(Temporary Road Closure) Order 2013**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in order to facilitate a new sewer connection by Stave-Con (on behalf of Bullock Contractors), the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding in Johns Lane, Tipton from its junction with Bevan Road to its junction with Morrison Road.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Bevan Road, Brock Road, Morrison Road and vice-versa.
3. The Order will take effect on 25th November 2013, it is expected that the work will be completed and the road re-opened by 6th December 2013. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
4. Any queries about the work should be directed to Paul McCourt of Stave-Con who can be contacted on 01922 458311 and those relating to the effect of the Order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Highway Services on 0845 359 7518.

Dated this 21st day of November 2013

**N SHARMA,** Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

**SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**
**Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**
**Proposed Installation of New Zebra Crossing**
**Downing Street, Smethwick**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell proposes under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to construct a new Zebra Crossing at Downing Street, Smethwick.
2. A copy of the map showing full details of the proposed location of the new crossing may be inspected at the offices of the Area Director Street Scene, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 3DE during normal working hours.
3. Any person wishing to make a representation in respect of this proposal should write to Irfan Choudry, Directorate of Street Scene, Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury B69 3DE or by email to highways@sandwell.gov.uk by no later than 12th December 2013.

Dated this 21st November 2013

**S HANDLEY,** Area Director Street Scene
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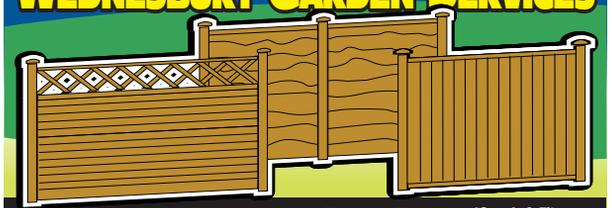

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# I failed to live up to calling – Westwood

ASHLEY WESTWOOD has admitted he has failed to live up to his Villa billing – but vowed to rediscover his form.

The midfielder insisted he is not the finished product and knows he is in the spotlight after a breakthrough year.

Westwood was one of Villa's success stories last season after joining from League One Crewe and helped them survive in the Premier League.

But he has come under fire this term after some below-par performances.

"I've not hit the levels I hit last year and that's something I'm working on. I thought I started the season well, but faded a bit.

"People start expecting more from you," said Westwood, who signed a new four-year deal in the summer.

"It's a tough league and I'm not forgetting where I've come from. It's been a big year for me and I need to keep on improving.

"Last year I didn't really have time to think about it. I was just thrown in and it was either sink or swim."

# Form return for Olsson welcomed

ALBION favourite Gareth McAuley has saluted Jonas Olsson's return to form and hailed his partnership with the Swede as the best of his career.

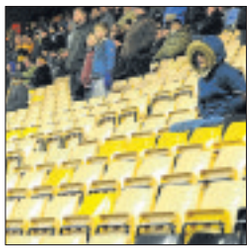
Olsson has returned to his best at the start of this season after an Achilles injury contributed to a below-par end to the last campaign.

The Sweden international's resurgence has contributed to some impressive defending for Steve Clarke's side with just 12 goals conceded in 11 Premier League matches – four of which came in defeat at Liverpool.

McAuley said: "He's been fantastic for us. Last season he kept putting himself in the firing line for the club but he did have an injury. He had an issue and hopefully that has cleared up now and he's back to his own high standards.

"He would have been frustrated that he didn't reach the levels he would expect from himself but it's great that he's back out there now and leading us."

# Wolves defend decision on cup tie date



A few hardy souls show support

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WOLVES have defended their decision to play against Oldham as thousands of fans delivered a huge snub to the FA Cup.

Just 4,226 – the club's lowest home gate in the competition since 1895 and 15,000 smaller than their league average – braved freezing temperatures to see the 2-1 first-round replay defeat to Oldham.

On a night when England's friendly against Germany was live on terrestrial television, Molineux attracted its smallest crowd in the competition for more than 118 years, since 3,000 watched a first-round replay against Darwen on February 6, 1895. It was Wolves' lowest at home since September 1992 – 3,091 for an Anglo-Italian Cup game against Peterborough – and the ground's lowest in a domestic competition since 3,357 attended a Fourth Division match against Aldershot on February 17, 1987.

The FA says prices are set by the home club for ties, but state admission cannot be less than £10 for adults.

Wolves charged £10 for adults and £5 for concessions last night, for what was the first of three home games in eight days with Brentford on Saturday and Tranmere next Tuesday.

For the first tie, Oldham charged £10 and £5 and the gate was 3,916.

Chief executive Jez Moxey said: "The extra rest day ahead of two very important home games in four days against Brentford and Tranmere is of paramount importance. This was one of those occasions, when as much as we all support England, our club, and most importantly the fitness and recovery time of our players, had to come first."

Head coach Kenny Jackett refused to blame the low crowd on the disappointing performance.

"No I don't think it was a factor," he said. "We'd talked about it and knew how it was going to be.

"It's up to us to fill the place and to get through rounds of the cups and up the league ladder so the place is full. You need to bring the crowds back by winning."

Danny Philliskirk and Adam Rooney scored for Oldham before a late Leigh Griffiths consolation.

# Defensive errors cost Town in away defeat

**Boldmere St Michael's 3 Tipton Town 2**

**TIPTON'S return to familiar territory finished in narrow defeat as defensive mishaps ended up costing them in a narrow battle.**

For the third time this season, Tipton visited Boldmere, after sharing a win each in their FA Cup and FA Vase ties. Boasting a 100 per cent home record in the league, Boldmere took the lead early on when a cleverly worked corner routine saw Ricky Baker's shot from the edge of the area beat James Pemberton.

Tipton had an opportunity to draw level when a shot by debutant Theo Robinson was spilled by keeper James Beeson but to safety.

Two minutes later Connor Gater thumped a header goalbound from a corner only to see it cleared off the line.

The Mikes doubled their lead on 27 minutes when the dangerous Lee Obsorne slotted home in style.

Just when it seemed the home side may be on to a comfortable victory, Town hit back when Marvin Nisbett fed Mensah Kinch and his lofted shot caused Beeson all sorts of problems as it came off the bar.

However, Danny Ashton was in the right place at the right time to bundle home.

The second half saw the game ebb and flow with Osborne coming close on

Football

54 minutes with a long-range effort and Joe Lyng headed just over on 63 minutes.

Boldmere restored the two-goal lead on 74 minutes when slapstick defending allowed Ryan Edmunds to convert another goal from a corner.

It looked like Connor Gater might be able to get Tipton out of jail two minutes later when he smashed home his third in three games to make it 3-2.

And Tipton turned up the pressure in a bid to grab an equaliser with Ben Hadley's shot well saved on 80 minutes and Lee Wherton unable to get the required connection to finish.

The well-organised Boldmere defence held out well under significant pressure to record their eighth win in eight games at home.

Tipton now face Heath Heather St John's on Saturday.

## More to come, says award-winning Sessegnon

STEPHANE SESSEGNON says he relishes the pressure of being Albion's record signing and insisted his best is yet to come.

The £5.5m deadline-day recruit gave his first British media interview since joining from Sunderland as he was named Zoopla player of the month for October.

The 29-year-old Benin international insisted he welcomes the extra expectation that comes with being the most expensive player in Baggies history.

"There is a certain pressure to perform very well," he said. "But it's a positive pressure because it shows the club think I'm worth it.

"I still believe I can bring more to the club. This is still the settling-in period and I will show more as time goes by.

"It's going well because I've come to a club where I knew some of the players already. That has helped me settle down quickly.

"I was at a hotel for two months to start with, which was a little bit difficult, but now I have a house in Sutton Coldfield."

Sessegnon was named player of the month in just his second month at The Hawthorns after winning an online poll of fans. The former Paris Saint Germain man said: "It is very encouraging the supporters have noticed and had faith in me from the start.

"I feel good. It was quite difficult to make the change because I was at Sunderland for two years and Sunderland were the first club who welcomed me from France.

"I have a strong connection and relationship with some people there. But now I have made a good start here and I feel good.

Sessegnon is now gearing up for his first taste of a West Midlands derby with the Baggies due to return from the international break with a home game against Villa on November 25.

Stephane Sessegnon gets his award from Connor Dukes, of Walsall

# Albion put errors fury into letter to league

ANGRY Albion have written to the Premier League calling for a debate over penalty howlers – including the use of video technology to correct mistakes.

Sporting and technical director Richard Garlick has contacted Premier League bosses and referees chiefs to outline the Baggies' fury at penalty injustices against them this season including the stoppage-time spot-kick in the draw at Chelsea.

The letter calls for a fresh debate over improving referees' decisions, including the possible expansion of technology beyond the goal-line cameras that were introduced this season.

Garlick, a former lawyer, wrote on behalf of the club to the Premier League and former top-flight official Mike Riley, who oversees the country's top referees.

The letter, sanctioned by chairman Jeremy Peace, calls for a debate at the next meeting of Premier League shareholders.

Albion were particularly unhappy with a decision by Howard Webb, who denied them a penalty for a foul on Youssouf Mulumbu in the goalless draw at Stoke, and the error by Birmingham official Andre Marriner.

# Baggies hit the Roofe with winner

**Albion U-21 2**
**N Forest U-21 1**

KEMAR ROOFE bagged an extra-time winner to take Albion into the fourth round of the new Under-21 Barclays Premier League Cup.

Aaron Birch had rescued the tie for the Baggies with a 90th-minute equaliser to secure extra-time after a first-half strike from Joshua Rees looked to have taken Forest to victory.

The Baggies fell behind on 25 minutes when Atkinson was caught in possession by Rees on the edge of his own box and the Forest midfielder sent a cool shot past home keeper Jack Rose.

Forest continued to have chances and Rose made a good save after Otim teed up Jordan Davies on the hour-mark.

Jones went close again before Birch struck seconds before the clock reached 90 minutes. Eight minutes into extra-time Roofe grabbed the winner.

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## Blues go through after win on road

**AFC Wulfrunians 0**
**Birmingham City 2**

GOALS from Charlie Adams and Liam Truslove were enough to see Birmingham City to victory in this Birmingham Senior Cup match, despite a battling performance from Wulfs.

Adams was Birmingham's most influential player as they dominated the early stages of the game and it came as no surprise when it he opened the scoring.

He managed to force the ball in from close range after he reacted quickest to the goal line scramble that followed Truslove's corner.

Truslove provided the only other chance of the half after 38 minutes when he met Viv Solomon-Otabor's cross with a powerful volley but Richard Golding did well to block it.

The Blues doubled their lead just 11 minutes into the second half.

Bobby Moseley's cross was attacked brilliantly by Truslove and he was in the perfect position to head the ball past Pearson.

The only other chance came with 26 minutes remaining.

Moseley fought himself in an advanced position and when he received the ball six yards out, it was only a last-ditch clearance off the line by Golding which prevented him from extending Birmingham's lead.

## Vlaar ready for big derby

RON VLAAR says he is desperate to exorcise Villa's derby demons when they return to Albion.

The skipper wants the claret and blues to end their barren streak against the Baggies in Monday's showdown.

Villa blew a 2-0 lead at The Hawthorns to draw 2-2 last season and were also held 1-1 at home to extend their winless run against Albion which stretches back to 2010.

"We should have won the away game. We were 2-0 up and should have scored another two goals in the first half and killed the game," said Vlaar. "But we didn't and it ended up as a draw.

"I am looking forward to this game. It will be great to play in. These matches have extra tension and the atmosphere is always electric.

"I enjoyed the derbies last time out."

# Apology over ref's howler, now time to talk

Steve Clarke

**Football**

STEVE CLARKE is backing Albion's call for a national refereeing debate as he revealed officials' chief Mike Riley has apologised for Andre Marriner's Chelsea howler.

The Baggies boss received a call from Riley to say sorry for the late penalty decision that cost Albion an historic win at Stamford Bridge 11 days ago.

But he is supporting the club's stance that fresh discussions are needed on improving decision-making – including the possible use of extra technology. "I've had an apology from Mike Riley," said Clarke, who refused to be drawn on the post-match tunnel bust-up between Jonas Olsson and Jose Mourinho that followed the spot-kick.

"I had a call to apologise. It doesn't get us any more points, but it's nice of Mike to call. If Mike's apologising they obviously believe it was the wrong decision."

Albion responded to Ramires' late tumble and the subsequent penalty award by writing to the Premier League and Riley calling for a debate on improving decisions.

The letter, which listed previous poor decisions against the Baggies this season, raised the possibility of extra video replays but Clarke said: "The purpose of the letter is to try to provoke discussion. It's not necessarily just a discussion between us and the authorities but a discussion between everyone and the authorities to see if there is a way we can improve the game. If there is technology that can be used to help referees make difficult decisions, which is what they have to do, then let's look at it and see what we can come up with. If we can improve it, good, if we can't improve it then we'll stick with what we've got. But let's talk about it.

"One of the points in the letter is to look at whether the punishment for going down easily is sufficient. It's a difficult one and the purpose of this letter is provoke discussion. We haven't heard anything back yet but we're trying to arrange a meeting with the Premier League and Mike."

# NOTHING UNLUCKY ABOUT VICTORY 13

**Quorn FC 0 Tividale FC 3**

**EVEN though it has been a tremendous run of wins from Tividale, and with the plaudits lavishing praise, there was always the question when the crunch came, could they deliver.**

**Football**

Well, this performance dispelled any fears in what was possibly the best Tividale performance of the season.

Messrs Scriven and Long reverted to the 'Saturday side' and brought back Richard Huckfield, Mark Smith, Chris Field, David Bellis, Ryan Winwood and Nathan Waite after being rested for the cup win against Pelsall Villa.

To their justification, Tividale continued their amazing league run to win their 13th straight league game since the start of the season and establish themselves as the team to beat.

### Missed

From the off the visitors were at Quorn and to the surprise of the large following of Tividale supporters, Nathan Waite actually missed a chance in the first minute, turning a Michael Wardle cross just wide of the post with debutant keeper Jake Weekes well beaten.

Quorn did not learn their lesson and on 16 minutes the same duo teamed up again to put the visitors in front.

This time there was no mistake as Waite found the target from Wardle's cross.

The rest of the half was end-to-end stuff as both teams went at each other.

Quorn opted to give up midfield advantage and went for a three pronged front line in a 4-3-3 formation, while Tividale stayed with their tried and trusted 4-4-2 to produce a thrilling first half with both keepers making superb saves.

Tividale may feel they should have added to their tally in those first 45 minutes earning a succession of corners, but Quorn defended them well.

While at the other end a Callum Earl's one-on-one and a Dominic Brennan effort were well saved by Tiv's keeper Charles Price.

The beginning of the second half was a much cagier affair with both defences tightening up and limiting the space that they had allowed in the first half.

It was now a case of whoever scored the next goal would have the upper hand and on 67 minutes the all important goal went to the visitors.

The exceptional Wardle was brought down in the box and despite Quorn's appeals the referee had no doubt and Stuart How made no mistake, smashing the penalty into the roof of the net.

That seemed to end Quorn's resolve and the third came on 75 minutes when Waite tapped in after good work from How and substitute Leigh Downing.

Nathan Waite in action keeping his Quorn opponent at bay during his team's 3-0 shut out away

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## Regis is backing Roy on Berahino

CYRILLE REGIS has backed Roy Hodgson's handling of Saido Berahino and insisted the Albion starlet is not ready for England duty.

Baggies legend Regis has been impressed with Berahino but believes he needs time to develop.

He said: "He's simply too inexperienced for England. In a year's time, if he is still scoring goals on a regular basis then ... give him a crack."

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